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## Supervisors seek sewerage solution

BY ED LEPOMA

Some Hancock County supervisors think the Health Department isn't doing enough to accommodate property owners who want to build in low-lying areas south of Interstate 10.

The Health Department maintains it inspects all building sites, sometimes twice, and has recommended alternate sewerage treatment systems in areas where soils are too poor or lots are too small to accommodate septic tanks.

And, the Chamber's Environmental Committee told supervisors to continue to take the heat from angry landowners because progress is being

made, slowly but surely, to eventually provide a sewerage collection system to all portions of Hancock County.

The three opinions emerged Monday when supervisors called area Health Department officials to their monthly meeting after a barrage of complaints from people who own lots and pay taxes on them, but can't get a permit to build. Last October, supervisors passed an ordinance directing the power company not to connect service to lots or construction sites unless the owner first obtains a permit from the local Health Department.

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## Pickup truck order raises questions

BY BETSY GAGNET

Waveland Mayor John Mason and the Waveland Board of Aldermen were surprised to find out at Monday's workshop meeting that a new pickup truck had been ordered for the sewer department, without the knowledge or approval of the Mayor or the board.

The issue arose during discussion of a possible amendment to the city's budget which would reallocate \$15,000 budgeted for engineering fees in the sewer department. If approved, the funds would be transferred to capital outlay under the streets department, in order to purchase a used tandem dump truck for which the city had advertised.

During the workshop meeting, Alderman Tommy Longo suggested that the truck be paid for with other funds budgeted to the water and gas and sewer departments for the purchase of two small pickup trucks.

However, City Clerk Lisa Planchard told the board that one small truck was already on order, as requested by water and gas supervisor Wayne Wise.

Mason said he was unaware of the truck order until Monday and it had not been presented to the board.

Following Tuesday's regular meeting, he said that although he had not been aware of the order, it had been done legally according to information received from the state auditor's office.

He said the information he received was that since the pickup appeared to be in the budget, which was adopted by the board, it could be purchased without board approval.

Longo said after the meeting he disagreed.

"When we passed the budget, I said we weren't totally happy

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## Horses on Webb Street angers another Bay resident

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Willie Gavney stormed out of Bay St. Louis' City Council meeting Tuesday, after officials agreed that some horses adjoining his Webb Street property have every right to stay put.

"What's the bottom line?" Gavney asked council mem-

bers, after hearing city attorney John Scafide and Mayor Eddie Favre explain why the horses can stay put despite Gavney's complaint.

Told that he'd effectively lost his case at the City Hall level, Gavney said he'd appeal the decision in court. He's the second citizen in two weeks to

threaten legal action over the city's regulations of livestock within the city limits.

Gavney's residential property abuts property owned by Scott Favre on Webb Street. Gavney's been to City Council twice to complain that Favre's horses are offensive to him. He contends that as a property owner within 300 feet of the

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## Dredging permit sought by school

BY ED LEPOMA

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting written comments on the Hancock County School District's application for a dredging permit at the site where a new middle school is planned adjacent to Hancock County High School.

The applicant proposes to dredge and fill in a total of 8.2 acres of pine flatwoods wetland in order to construct the middle school. As mitigation for the proposed loss of wetlands, the District has proposed to preserve and enhance 80 acres of similar habitat on land owned by the District.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes and other interested parties in order to evaluate the impact of

the proposed construction. Interested parties may also request a public hearing.

Correspondence concerning this public notice should refer to Notice #MS98-00788-L, and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001, Attention: Regulatory Branch.

Copies should be sent to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, P.O. Box 10385, Jackson, MS 39210; and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, MS 39530, in time to be received prior to May 26, 1998.

Those who have further questions, contact Chuck Summer at 334-694-3792 in Mobile.

## Land pollution runs into Bay

Draw Puffer, top right, environmental scientist at the Stennis Space Center, uses an Enviroscope Diagram to demonstrate to Bay Catholic second graders Tuesday how land pollution in Bay St. Louis and Waveland runs into the Gulf of Mexico when it rains. Bay Catholic was celebrating Environmental Awareness Day. Tracey Mellow and Bryon Fortier of Bayou Savage discussed endangered species specific to the Gulf, and Chris Lagarde, Fisheries biologist/environmental assistant for Congressman Gene Taylor discussed living organisms in the Gulf (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

## Bay places moratorium on newly annexed area

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis city officials scrambled Tuesday night to deal with a crisis that's been in the making for years, plunging once again into the murky waters of adopting a comprehensive plan.

To deal with what could easily be a municipal nightmare of

major proportions, City Council slapped a 120-day moratorium on new construction anywhere in the acreage that they annexed seven years ago. The territory includes all of Casino Magic's holdings and the Cedar Point area that was swept into the city at the same time.

The acreage has never been zoned by the city, because municipal leaders have failed to adopt a comprehensive plan that is required by state law before initial zoning can be put on newly annexed lands.

No less than three consulting firms and over \$100,000 in

consulting fees have come and gone by, as council members have wrestled with the politically hot segments that are included in a comprehensive plan.

And while there have been periodic indications recently that the incumbent City Council would return its focus to adopting such a plan, the issue has remained on the shelf. Until Tuesday night.

That's when a fairly routine request for a zoning variance came up for action before council

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## Supers reject jail locks bid

BY ED LEPOMA

For the second time, Hancock County supervisors have

tossed out the lone bid for security locks and other equipment planned for an expansion underway at the county jail.

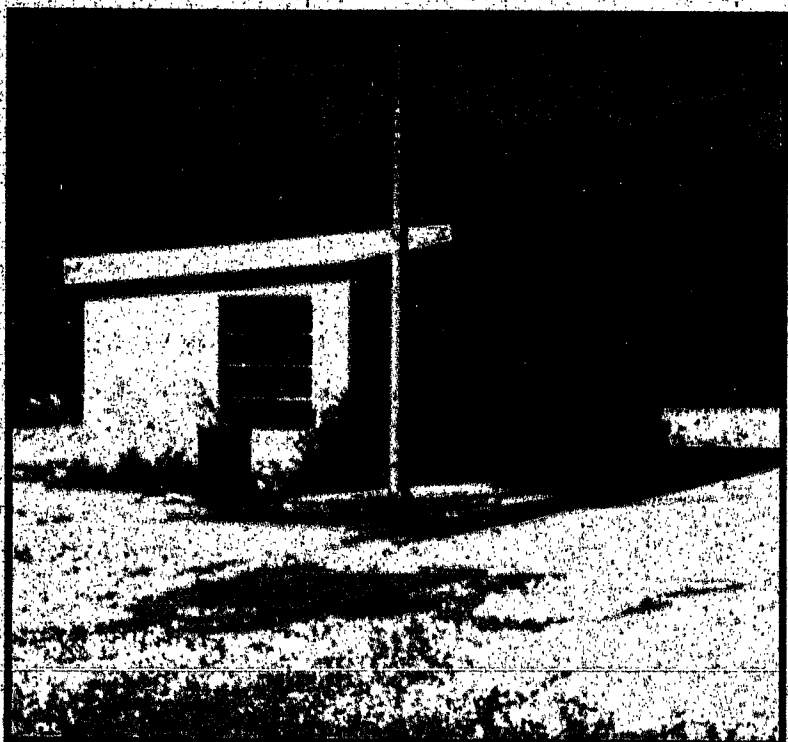
Initially, a contract was opened last March, and Southern Door and Equipment of Jackson submitted a sole bid of \$77,000 to the surprise of design architects, consultants and supervisors. That bid was rejected, and the board advertised again.

Last Monday, the board again received and opened only one bid. This time, the price tag was \$53,647, submitted by J.S. Security Systems, Inc., of Montgomery, Ala. It still was considerably more than the \$17,000 to \$25,000 architects had estimated.

Hattiesburg architect James Polk said seven firms picked up bid packets, but only one responded, and Polk and supervisors were perplexed.

Gerald Neaice, Sheriff Ronnie Peterson's chief aide, said he thought the problem was that the locking and security system in the jail is obsolete, and very few firms could duplicate the equipment needed. He said the new addition would be separate from the

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## New substation

Hancock County supervisors and the Mississippi Department of Transportation have signed a cooperative agreement, which will give the county and Sheriff Ronnie Peterson the abandoned truck scales on old Hwy. 90 to use as a Sheriff's substation, providing part-time patrol to Pearllington, Port Blainville and other communities. See related story on page 5A. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



## OBITUARIES

**JACK BAUMGARTNER**  
**HERBERT K. BURKS**  
**BARBARA L. HILTON**  
**LORRAINE R. KOBER**  
**TED M. LEWIS**  
**HERBERT LYNELL MARK**  
**JOHN ROELING JR.**

**JACK BAUMGARTNER**  
 Jack C. Baumgartner, 76, of Diamondhead, died Monday, May 4, 1998 in Bay St. Louis. Mr. Baumgartner was a native of Clarksburg, W.V. and a resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast for 25 years, a retired salesman for a chemical company, member of Christian Science Society in Slidell and the Lions Club of Diamondhead. He was also a member of the Mighty Missy Alumni Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Baumgartner of Diamondhead; a son, William Baumgartner of Diamondhead; two daughters, Pamela Baumgartner of Heidelberg, Germany, and Nancy Hoppel of Macon, Ga. and three grandchildren. The family prefers memorials in his name to the Lions Club.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**HERBERT K. BURKS**  
 Herbert Kearney Burks, 76, of the Henleyfield Community, died Saturday, May 2, 1998, in Biloxi.

Mr. Burks was a native of Pearl River County. He was a principal/school teacher in the

public school system and was a member of the New Henleyfield Baptist Church, where he also served as a deacon. He was a veteran of the Navy, where he served during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Wise Burks of Henleyfield; a son, Bruce K. Burks of Pass Christian; two daughters, Sandra Daigle of Henleyfield and Rhonda Wetzel of Picayune; a brother, Prentiss Burks of Picayune; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Services were conducted Monday at New Henleyfield Baptist Church in Carriere. Burial was in Henleyfield Cemetery in Carriere.

**BARBARA L. HILTON**  
 Barbara "Bobbie" Louise Hilton, 72, of Long Beach, died Thursday, April 30, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Hilton was born in Washington, D.C. Nov. 28, 1925. She had been a resident of the Coast most of her life. She was employed for many years as a legal secretary for various lawyers and as comptroller for Realty Management for the last 15 years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Fred G. Hilton II; her father, Albert H. Woods Sr.; and her mother, Julia R. Byals Woods.

Survivors include her husband, Frank B. Hilton Sr.; a

son, Dr. Frank "Chuck" B. Hilton Jr. of Gulfport; a daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Babin of Long Beach; a sister, Nancy Jane McKenzie of Pass Christian; three brothers, Albert "Buddy" Woods of San Francisco, Burt Woods of Pass Christian and Raymond Joseph Woods of New Orleans; and seven grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

**LORRAINE R. KOBER**  
 Lorraine Rose Lapoutche Kober, 74, of Pass Christian, died Friday, May 1, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Kober was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Hancock County and the Coast for the past 16 years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Warren Russell Broadwater; her second husband, Weldon Jacob Kober; and her parents, Claire Schultz and Joseph Lapoutche and her stepmother, Ursula Lapoutche.

Survivors include three daughters, Judie Hicks of Ocean Springs, Claire Schorr of Violet, La., and Georgiana Teoutel, of Chalmette, La.; a son, John Broadwater, of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Althea Lambert, of New Orleans; two brothers, Louis Lapoutche and Leonard Lapoutche, both of New Orleans; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home in New Orleans. Services were conducted Wednesday at the funeral home. Another service followed at St. Maurice Catholic Church in New Orleans. Burial was in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery No. 1.

**TED M. LEWIS**  
 Ted M. Lewis, 69, of Gulfport, died Friday, May 1, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Lewis, a native of Pensacola, Fla., moved to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 1961. He was retired from the hotel/motel business.

Mr. Lewis is survived by a brother, John A. Lewis of Elliott City, Md., and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport, followed by funeral services and burial in Southern Memorial Park in Biloxi.

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of  
**TOM FULCHER**

My son, Tom Fulcher, died six months ago today. To the people who loved him, we love you, too. To all the people who abused him, God forgives you, and Tom and I forgive you.

Sad without you, Tom.  
 We love you,  
 Tom's Mom

**HERBERT LYNELL MARK**  
 Herbert Lynell Mark, 43, of Picayune, died Saturday, May 2, 1998, in Picayune.

Mr. Mark was a member of Pilgrim Bound Baptist Church in Picayune.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rochell Mark.

Survivors include two daughters, Le Saundrea R. Wilson of Houston, Texas; a son, Cinque S. Kennedy of Picayune; his mother, Mrs. Mattie Mark of Picayune; three brothers, Rochell Mark Jr. of Gardena, Calif., Donald R. Mark and Ronald M. Mark, both of Picayune; three sisters, Callon J. Harry, Leatrice M. Brown, Gretchen A. Porter, all of Picayune; and two grandsons.

Visitation will be Friday, May 8, 6-9 p.m. at Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune. Services will be conducted Saturday at noon in St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church in Picayune, followed by burial in Picayune Cemetery.

**JOHN ROELING JR.**  
 John F. Roeling Jr., 96, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, May 4, 1998 in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Roeling was a native of New Orleans. He was a retired bus driver for the Orleans Parish Schools, was a Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 77 in Waveland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Herrmann Roeling; and his parents, John F. Roeling Sr. and Julia Girding Roeling.

Survivors include a stepson, Frank A. Silver Jr. of Ontario, Canada; two stepdaughters, Gayle S. Johnston of New Orleans and Helen S. Mancuso of Bay St. Louis; and eight stepgrandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by graveside services in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

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## ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

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—Goethe  
 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God saw all that He had done, and it was very good.

Genesis 1:27 and 31  
 And He will raise you up on eagle's wings; bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

—African song  
 But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31  
 We always have time for the things we put first.

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33  
 I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. He gave me life that I might enjoy all things.

Today, Thursday, May 7, is the National Day of Prayer in the U.S.

There will be a pre-baptism class today at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church.

Did you enroll your child or children in the Vacation Bible

School at St. Ann for this year from June through the 15th? It will be from 9 a.m.-noon.

If planning to enroll children, please call the parish office as soon as possible, 467-4746.

The 1998 Catholic Sharing Appeal begins this month.

Have you contacted Buddy Williams yet? He has very generously offered to paint any statues of the Blessed Mother during the month of May. If you are interested in this generous offer, give Buddy a call at 467-2950.

CCD classes continue at St. Ann each Monday, 3:30-5:15 p.m.

Members of St. Ann-St. John Altar Society are invited to attend and meet with other ladies who may become newcomers. Let's make everyone feel welcome.

Monday, May 11, CCD classes will be held at St. Ann, 3:30-5:10 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, St. Ann-St. John Parish Altar Society members will meet in the parish hall for their monthly meeting.

Also on May 14, 7 p.m., there will be a pre-baptism class at 7 p.m. at St. Ann.

May 17 is First Holy Communion Day. Mass St. Ann will be at 9:15 a.m.

Reception for First Holy Communicants is after the 10:30 a.m. mass in the parish hall.

## Coast Episcopal students featured at gallery Sat.

On Saturday, from 4-8 p.m., students from Coast Episcopal School will be the featured artists at Serenity Gallery, Main St., Bay St. Louis.

"Young at Art" is an annual event at the gallery and showcases student artwork from pre-

## Old Town Art Walk set Sat.

Quarter Moon Galleries will be hosting a reception May 9 in conjunction with Old Town's Second Saturday Art Walk to present artist Ellis Anderson's newest jewelry collection.

The "Gates of Grace" series is inspired by historic wrought iron gates of New Orleans, including the Newcomb College Gate, the Wishing Gates, the Gate of Hearts and the Fleur de Lis Gate.

The collection features cufflinks, pendants, earrings, brooch pins and rings in sterling silver and silver/18k gold combinations, many set with semi-precious stones.

Anderson will be present to discuss silver-smithing techniques. Wine and refreshments served from 5-8 p.m. The galleries are located at 146 Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

For information, call Joanne Noel at 467-7279.

schoolers through 12th grade. Student works hang alongside professional artists.

This year the proceeds from all sales will benefit Hope Haven, a temporary shelter for abused and neglected children in Hancock County.

Refreshments and entertainment will be provided by students and their families.

A student production of "The Wizard of Oz," will follow at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

## VCJ chicken dinner rescheduled

Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church, has rescheduled its chicken dinner for Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. until.

The church is located at 248 Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis.

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# Bay Council deals with Capital Improvements

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City Council dealt with several million dollars' worth of capital improvement projects this week, as some projects move toward the bidding stage and others take root in the planning process.

Among the projects discussed in council sessions Monday and Tuesday was a \$1.5 million project to repair broken sewer lines throughout the city, construction of a 10-mile bike and pedestrian pathway, and funding for pier construction at Ulman Street, Dunbar Avenue and Washington Street.

In addition, city officials agreed to seek state money to build a marine education center in the Cedar Point "Serpentine Lake" area.

Action on the sewer repair program came after Mayor Eddie Favre recommended hiring Compton Engineering to prepare a bid package on 27 "point" repairs that are needed in the system. The problem areas have been found in smoke testing of city sewer lines, and video taping of the pipes' conditions.

Favre said he recommended

Compton's, because that firm has been involved in the testing process for several years.

Council president Tad Black, however, balked at the notion of offering Compton's the job without seeking proposals from other engineering companies. He accused Favre of delaying action on the selection until council had no choice but to endorse Favre's recommendation.

"You've played around long enough... We sat on it and people are complaining because their streets are collapsing in front of their homes," said Black.

Favre said if council wanted to seek proposals from competing engineering firms, council needed to authorize an advertisement on the matter.

Council member Carleen Moran asked if council had committed a "procedural error" by not pursuing competitive proposals. Favre said an assumption had been made that proposals would be called for, but none materialized.

"I was just questioning whether we dropped the ball," said Moran. Black was the only council member voting against hiring the

Compton firm.

Meanwhile, council agreed with Favre's suggestion that the city apply for state Tideland funds sufficient to complete construction of the Ulman Street pier. Council authorized the engineering firm of Brown and Mitchell to design the second phase of construction, but its estimated cost is more than the \$400,000 that the city just received for the project.

In addition, Favre said the city should seek funding for a joint project with the county to reconstruct the Dunbar Avenue pier, and to add a boat launch to the Washington Street pier.

Black said the city should also go for state funding to build a marine education center on vacant lands abutting Casino Magic, a project that was proposed initially by a citizens' group.

City attorney Donald Rafferty said negotiations continue with Grand Casino about disposition of the land at issue, valued at between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. He said the best opportunity for public ownership of the land lies in convincing Grand Casino it could use the property as a "mitigation bank," offsetting usage of wetlands elsewhere for construction purposes.

Council also was briefed on the long-delayed bikeway and pedestrian pathway project, a joint

endeavor of the city, Hancock County, and Waveland. Almost all easements for the project are in hand, and a call for bids for construction is expected this summer.

In another matter Tuesday, council agreed to spend \$3,000 to rent billboard space on I-10, east of Minge Avenue, to advertise the City of Bay St. Louis. Favre said the billboard could accommodate a permanent ad for the city, and seasonal promotions as well. The project is in conjunction with a state Tourism Commission campaign.

Council also was told by Black, newly seated as council president, of several key issues council should address in coming meetings.

Among those, said Black, is the need to establish written personnel policies on employee fringe benefits, job descriptions and pay grades, promotions and hiring. Council member Carleen Moran said the city also needs to consider hiring a professional person as a Human Resources director.

Favre said he already has plans to "realign" some positions in the city to accommodate such a position, without adding a new employee. Moran cautioned against giving the responsibility to a person not fully trained in the field.

## Ladner earns CMA certification

Rose Ladner, CMA, of Bay St. Louis earned the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credential by passing the Jan. 30 American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination.

Ladner is employed by James C. Crittenden, MD in Bay St. Louis.

The certification examination, administered by AAMA's Certifying Board, tests clinical and administrative knowledge needed for competent medical assisting practice.

Although medical assistants are employed in a wide range of health care delivery settings, medical assistants are the only allied health practitioners trained specifically for the physician's office.



Rose Ladner

The American Association of Medical Assistants is a professional association headquartered in Chicago, Ill. In addition to sponsoring the Certification Examination, the AAMA provides continuing education programs and other benefits for medical assistants.

## Friends of the Saenger present annual soiree

The Friends of the Saenger Theatre for the Performing Arts will hold Soiree '98 Saturday, May 9 at 8 p.m.

The annual event is an evening of song and dance that highlights some of the best performers from the Gulf Coast. This year's ensemble includes Karen Abernathy, Keith Ballard, David Delk, Terese Gargiulo Evans, Becky Green, Angela Liberto, Randy Ramirez, Wayne Stephens, James Taylor and Tammy Turnage.

The soiree also features performances from theater and dance groups including some that are not housed in the Saenger.

Scheduled to participate are Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, Biloxi Little Theatre, Center Stage, Donna's Visual and Performing Arts Center, Gulfport

Little Theatre, Gulf Coast Opera, JAMO Productions and KNS Theatre. The show is directed by Keith Ballard with musical direction by Sandy DiGirolamo.

Tickets are free to member of the Friends of the Saenger. Memberships start at \$25 per year and include two tickets to the soiree along with other benefits. To become a friend, call the Saenger at 435-6291.

Tickets for the soiree are \$15 general admission and can be purchased by calling First Day Theatre Ticketing at 872-0504 or 1-800-872-971X. The funds raised at the annual soiree are used to help fund the Saenger restoration project.

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## VFW honors local citizens

At it's annual Loyalty Day Program May 2 at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3253, outstanding citizens of Bay St. Louis were each presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Commander Gene Schloegel welcomed the many guests who attended, and Community Activity Committee Chairman Randolph Bourgeois presented each with a certificate.

Youth essay winner Ashley N. Nelson of Bay High School received applause on the reading of her essay, "What Patriotism Means to Me."

Melissa Dorn, a home studies student and winner of the Voice of Democracy Post Contest, also received applause for her entry, titled "What Democracy Means to Me."

Those receiving certificates of appreciation were Deborah Wheelington for her work as an emergency medical tech. Police Officer of the Year, of the Bay St. Louis Police Department, was Cpl. Paul Denham.

Deputy of the Year, of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, was John Luther. Fireman of the Year, of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department, was Monty Strong, and Teacher of the Year, of Bay High School, was James Wm. Thornhill Jr.

Each of their department heads was present for the presentation.

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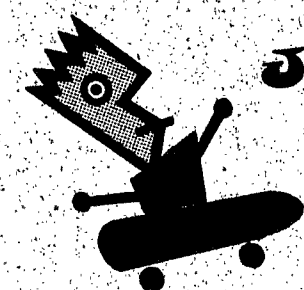
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## Editorial

### Board of Health takes right stand

Hancock County is blessed with an abundance of natural resources. And perhaps our most precious commodity is the water around us, the water which for hundreds of years has provided food, transportation, income and recreation.

Unfortunately, we have slowly poisoned this great asset with our own wastes.

Hancock County has been compared to a third-world nation with untreated sewage flowing into our ditches, into our waterways and into the Bay of St. Louis. This unforgivable crime has reached the point that the Bay of St. Louis is now considered the second most polluted body of water in Mississippi.

The time has long passed for this problem to be corrected.

For years our city and county leaders have struggled with limited funds to pave roads, pump in a new sand beach, improve facilities at Port Bienville and Stennis Airport, and are planning new schools and other necessary improvements in our county. But what on earth could possibly be more important than to provide a countywide sewage collection system?

As Ron Magee, chairman of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee stated, a countywide sewage system is "... an economic development tool, that's where the money should be put." He's right. What persons or businesses would want to locate in an area where people are content to swim in and eat seafood from waters contaminated with their own waste?

Last year, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors passed a countywide ordinance which requires a person to receive a permit from the Health Department before electricity can be connected to the building site. This is a very good first step to keep the pollution problem from getting worse.

Now people are complaining that they cannot build on their property because they cannot get a permit to install a septic tank. In most cases the lots in question are small in size and are located in low-lying areas. The Health Department has, in many cases, suggested alternate forms of above ground treatment systems. But these are more costly, and people are balking at the price tag. And they are complaining to their elected officials.

We salute the Mississippi State Board of Health and Regional Health Director Dr. Robert Travinick for taking a firm stand on the permit issue. Dr. Travinick is attempting to do what is necessary to stem the tide of pollution in Hancock County, even if it's not the most popular position to take.

Hopefully our elected officials will also exhibit a strong backbone and stay the course in spite of the outcry from a vocal minority who appear to have little or no concern for the rest of the people in this county. The American dream to own a home brings with it certain responsibilities to others.

Drastic action has to be taken to cure this cancer which has been growing for many years in our county. If we don't take care of our own business and clean up this mess, you better believe the Federal Government will! They will have no choice.

In Mobile County, Alabama, a government-directed collection system was installed in the late 1980s. Each home owner was forced to connect and was charged a percentage of the total cost, which was attached to their property tax, payable over a three-year period. Problem solved.

Hancock Countians should demand that our leaders take whatever steps are necessary to return the waters of the Bay of St. Louis to the pristine state of August 25, 1699, when Bienville explored and named it for St. Louis, King of France.

### Shoreline septic discharge into canals, then into Bay

To the Editor:

I'm writing to respond to a recent letter sent to you concerning the problem of raw sewerage in Hancock County. I know that 10 out of 10 septic tanks don't function properly in Shoreline Park.

Every septic tank discharges into the ditches, which discharges into the canals, which discharges into the Bay. This has been a problem for the last 15 years.

I have been writing to the Board of Health with very little response. The water in this area has been getting more polluted every year. It seems that things have to get out of control before anyone will listen.

I can't say that some of the

land in Hancock County will support a properly installed septic system, but I can say that they will not work properly in Shoreline Park.

Some citizens are willing to sacrifice the environment for economic growth. It's time to install sewer lines throughout the county, especially in the area with adjoining water ways, but until then the people who are pushing the Board of Health and the Board of Supervisors to change the law that the concerned Shoreline Park residents have fought for over six years must not be thinking of the future of Hancock County.

Thank you,  
Steve Marino  
Shoreline Park



### "CUEVAS" QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Warmer weather means more opportunities for outdoor activities in our community.

One such event will be a Bay St. Louis Concert in the Park on Saturday, May 9, starting at 6 p.m.

The event will be held in the park next to the old Bay St. Louis City Hall on South Second Street.

Music by will by *ConspiraSea*, and admission is free. In reading our Echo Archives, concerts in the park were very popular in Bay St. Louis even before the turn of the century.

It is a good time for residents, oldtimers and newcomers, to become better acquainted and have a good time. Hamburgers, hot dogs, boiled crawfish and refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the reasonably sold items will benefit Hope Haven.

Hope Haven is very vital to our county, as it is the temporary home for abused and abandoned children. Concert goers are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

I hope to see you Saturday at the Concert in the Park.

It appears Saturday is going to be a busy day at Bay High. Seventh and eighth grade students are sponsoring a rummage sale starting at 7 a.m.

The sale will be at Bay High, Blue Meadow Road, and will include clothing, household items, baked goods, a lemonade stand, etc.

The seventh and eighth grade students have put a lot of effort in preparation for this rummage sale, and now all they need is for you to come by and see what they have to offer.

The big art sale and show by the Hancock County Art Association will be held today and tomorrow at the Bay St. Louis Depot.

The sale and show is sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), and it gives our senior residents an opportunity to show their great art talents.

There will be some 16 happy and smiling artists participating. The artists are members of the art association, who must be 60 years or older, and they are enrolled at the Hancock County Senior Citizens Center on Bookter Street, Bay St. Louis.

The late Carl Baldenhofer, local artist extraordinaire, was among the founders of the association and was the group's instructor for many years.

Bill Ray is now the instructor, and many of the artists of the show participate in the classes each week held at the senior center.

Take time and visit the art show. You will be amazed at the talent of our senior residents.

Do not forget the Latter & Blum, Inc./Realtors, 1188 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis *Business After Hours* set for 5 to 7 p.m. this evening.

This will mark the moving of Nell Frisbie's staff to their new quarters adjacent to their old office. A ribbon cutting will be held at 4 p.m.

Admission is two business cards for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's *Business After Hours*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reader says supervisors, like hurricane, bend with the wind

To the Editor:

Well, here we go again. The Board of Supervisors must have been in too many hurricanes, because every time a question comes up they bend with the wind.

Take this last example where they are trying to get the Health Department to relax their codes so more people can build and pollute our waters even more.

Instead of trying to get the Health Department to relax their codes they should be after them to find out who is dumping raw sewage and other pollution in our water.

Make them move until they are hooked up to a sewage treatment system, and if they still pollute, put them in jail, because they are endangering the lives of other citizens.

I have to pay \$420 a year so I can just use my bathroom in my home.

The land owners should be after the Board of Supervisors to declare war between the citizens of Bay St. Louis, Waveland, Pearlinton and Hancock

County, and that way the United States government would send in the military to restore order but also send in a lot of money to restore our county.

All of the citizens should write Representative Taylor, Senator Lott and President Clinton to ask them for foreign aid to help us.

We could use the money to get everybody hooked to a sewage system, and then we could use the rest to blacktop every street and road in Hancock County.

If it doesn't cost too much to paint a center line on them because the Board of Supervisors must not be able to afford paint, because most of our streets and roads do not have any.

I was reading in the paper about Bell Isle's trouble with raw sewage and thought how lucky that I didn't move there, but I found out that Hancock County is polluted from east to west.

A concerned citizen,  
C. J. Merritt  
Bay St. Louis

### Regulations, permits like a yo-yo-game, resident says

To the Editor:

I am a resident of Hancock for some years and have watched the progress and changes taking place.

We have a problem with planning and agreements among the planners. So far there have been so many sets of regulations and permits.

It's a yo-yo game. But they are playing with people's lives, incomes and futures. Also, the tax benefits are being lost in this area.

People are in need of housing, not apartments, but with their own property. Taxes that are needed for roads, schools, police, all aspects of public funds are being lost. Why? Because there is no positive set of regulations. Who can keep up?

We have some big manufacturers now, but outsiders are having trouble finding housing. No one can build due to all the snags in the rights to do so.

There is plenty property just waiting to be used, which would bring more taxes, but being denied due to the powers that be, "the issuer" who can and won't.

How can this area support more big businesses? We don't have the housing, hence the work force to operate with. So, more taxes lost. There is a sewerage problem, true, but the county says "no money." Why? Poor planning again.

And no one is putting it all together, such as housing, work force, businesses, improvements, all coming from more work, community incomes and more taxes. Bingo!

I hope the public and right people see this and consider the yvkrable merits in what to do, and soon. And who to put in the seat to do the best for everyone, private, city, county, public and their own sense of doing it right.

Mrs. M. McDonald  
Bay St. Louis

### Better parenting needed rather than more dollars

To the Editor,

More dollars is the answer for any and every problem!

That, my friend, makes sense only to politicians and bureaucrats because they are not spending their own money. However, to hear them tell it, money is the cure for what ails anything.

For example, school violence. To hear the President on that subject, only more money can prevent a recurrence of Jonesboro. Actually, the problem stems from poor parenting and lack of teacher-allowed discipline in school.

Today the children rule the home, the school, maybe even the country, because they have never been taught better... my darling can do no wrong!

Of course, there are exceptions, but they were taught right from wrong both at home and in school.

We don't need 100,000 more teachers who have no more authority to discipline their students than the current teachers.

In fact, we don't need classrooms of only 18 students... we

need to teach kids to behave, listen and learn.

But that will only happen in public schools when teachers control the classes, and kids learn their place is to be seen and not heard interrupting all that is being taught.

You can observe the difference by walking down the hall at St. Clare's—it's quiet as the proverbial church mouse as the kids are working and learning.

If the teachers (not nuns) lose the right to discipline, to punish, to assign study work, well, then you have a public school in disarray, and that's been their problem for decades—and no relief in sight because today's parents were so spoiled that they don't even want their little darlings yelled at and, for sure, no corporal punishment.

It's a disgrace!

Let's give the educators a chance to teach your kids by giving them the tools to control their classes. Does that make sense?

Regards,  
Royce P. Kaupp  
Waveland

### Fleet Blessing chairman acknowledges helpers

To the Editor:

With the completion of our April Blessing of the Fleet in Pass Christian, I am obligated to not only name, but show appreciation to the real people who were responsible for our success.

Although the committee was open to everyone, the five people who showed up regularly to give of their time and effort, Brian Scarborough, Trey Campbell, Margie Schneider, Judy Bates, and especially J. J. Lunsade, deserve all the credit.

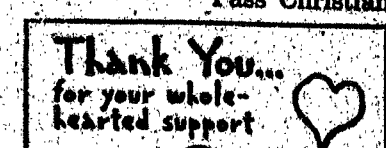
I would also like to recognize the VFW for donating the memorial wreath, the Fire, Police and Drug Abuse Departments for their help, our sponsors for

their financial support, Supervisor David Larosa for his always generous help, John Dane for the use of the Showdown, the clergy and our judges for their time, and especially to our commercial and pleasure boaters for their participation.

These are real people who deserve all the credit.

Chipper McDermott  
Pass Christian

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## Scales to become sheriff's substation

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson said he needs to check out the abandoned weigh station on old Hwy. 90 near Pearlinton before he can estimate when it can be staffed as a substation.

### Chicken dinner benefit set

The Mexican Gulf Lodge #64, Church Avenue, near Pass High, will have a fried/baked chicken benefit dinner on Sat., May 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There is a dinner donation of \$3 each with proceeds to be used for the Lodge's scholarship fund.

Supervisors on Monday signed a joint cooperative agreement with the state Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) that virtually turns over the cinderblock building to Hancock County.

Sheriff Ronnie Peterson said things moved swiftly once District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner learned that MDOT planned to bulldoze the building and take out the truck scales.

Ladner got together with Peterson and state Rep. J.P. Compretta, who contacted MDOT's Southern Region Commissioner Ronnie Shows.

Shows pitched the idea to the Commission chairman, and last Tuesday the MDOT Commission approved the deal.

"I'm glad to see the coopera-

tion between the county and the state," said Shows. "This occurred quickly and without going through the usual red tape."

Under the agreement signed Monday, the county gets free use of the building for 10 years and will make improvements and maintain the premises. MDOT gets to use the building to store portable weigh scales and other equipment.

Shows was on hand to sign the agreement, along with Peterson, Compretta and State Sen. Scottie Cuevas.

Peterson said he and Ladner would tour the building soon, and it needs an electrical upgrade and some repairs to broken windows. He said he planned to use county inmates

on the repairs. There is already a communications tower on site.

Plans call for the Sheriff's Department to make at least a part-time presence, such as the arrangement in Diamondhead, where deputies check in to write reports from time to time.

He said besides servicing Pearlinton, Oak Harbor and Belle Isle Estates, the substation is also close enough for deputies to keep a check on Port Bienville, where the work force for Wellman has almost doubled the number of people going in and out of the port daily. MDOT might also use portable scales at the site, to check trucks going to and from the port.

### Policemen killed in Long Beach

According to a press release from Gulfport Memorial Hospital, three Long Beach police officers were brought to the Emergency Department May 6 with gunshot wounds.

Sergeant Steve Morgan and Detective Jim Northcutt sustained mortal wounds. A third on-duty officer sustained gunshot wounds and is currently in stable condition.

Authorities are not releasing the identity of the third officer at this stage in the investigation.

### Clermont Civic Association meeting set

The Clermont Harbor Civic Association meets Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clermont Harbor Fire Department.

Special guest will be Sheriff Ronnie Peterson. New members are welcome and invited to attend. For information, call 467-5680.

## IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

### Health fair is May 16

The Community Health Fair will be Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., on Hancock Medical Center's grounds at the main entrance.

There will be "Just For Kids" blood pressure checks, glucose and cholesterol tests, lung function, glaucoma screening, grip strength tests and healthcare information, refreshments and giveaways.

### PLENTY OF WILDFLOWERS

Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., there will be tours, talks and lots of blooms at Crosby Arboretum's Wildflower Weekend in Picayune.

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### A PLUS FOR D'HEAD

This past week Diamondhead played host to some of the best amateur senior women golfers in the country and welcomed them to the Cardinal Course for the Trans Senior Women's International Four Ball Championship.

A great time and great weather was enjoyed by all of the participants.

### MEET YOUR

**CANDIDATES**  
The Diamondhead Community Association (DCA) is always working for a better Diamondhead and will present the candidates running for office in the upcoming POA election on Friday, May 15, 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Each candidate will have three minutes, and there will be no question-and-answer time following.

This will probably be the last time before the election for you to assess and make your important decisions as to who will be

at the helm for the next two years.

### CORRECTION

Lucette Worrel of Hancock County will be the only contestant from Mississippi to vie in the National Senior America Pageant which will be held at the Grand Casino in Biloxi. This year's theme is "Age of Elegance."

### THOUGHTS TO SHARE

"Stay" is a charming word in a friend's vocabulary.

Wishing all mothers a beautiful and perfect Mother's Day.

### Scams hit local businesses

Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell has issued a warning to local businesses to be on the lookout for numerous scams which have occurred in the area.

Varnell said the scams have been different in nature, but all end with someone losing money.

He reported that in one scam, a suspect entered a business and dropped the name of a waitress and said he had the television she wanted. He told another waitress he had more televisions just like it for \$200 if she was interested. The victim gave the suspect the money, and the suspect said he would go get the television and never returned.

At another business, Varnell reported, a suspect entered and told the manager the owner owed him money. The manager called the owner and let the suspect talk to him. The owner instructed the suspect to let him

speak to the manager, but the suspect hung up telling the manager the owner said to pay him. The manager did, and the suspect fled with the money.


In a third scam, a suspect entered a store and said he had a part ordered by another store which was closed, reported Varnell. An employee of the store paid the suspect and obtained a receipt. The closed store had no knowledge of the ordered part.

In all cases, suspects have dropped names of well known businessmen and made the victims comfortable with giving the money.

Varnell urges all business owners to instruct employees to beware of these type incidents. Further, he said, employees should be instructed not to give money to anyone until they are sure of who the person is and that it is legitimate.

Anyone with information should contact their local police or the Sheriff's Department.

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## Truck — Officials question order

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with it, but we would scrutinize purchases throughout the year," said Longo. "For three and a half years Steve Landry (former Director of Utilities) came to the board for all purchases over \$2,500 before he requisitioned them."

It is possible the first notice the board would have had of the purchase would have been when it appeared in the docket of claims to be paid.

According to City Attorney Ronnie Artigues, Jr. the purchase should have been presented to the board for approval.

"It is my understanding and recommendation from state law that the order and purchase of the truck requires board action," Artigues said. "But the purchasing agent indicated she got a verbal opinion from the state auditors that it was not required."

"In the event there is any question, it's certainly safer to get board approval," added Artigues.

During Tuesday's regular meeting, Mason asked for a motion to spread the purchase of the \$14,679 truck on the minutes, but no motion was given. Although satisfied the order

was legal, Mason said he has taken steps to prevent future occurrences.

"I've met with my people and told them any large purchases will have to go through me," Mason said.

No decision has been made yet on whether the truck order will be withdrawn, he added.

"I have to talk with the aldermen and decide what we're going to do about the pickup truck," he said. "It's a decision we should all be involved in."

Longo said some action needs to be taken, but the facts are still being collected.

"If we need the truck, then let's get the truck," Longo said. "But we have to go through the process that we always have gone through."

The truck was intended to allow replacement of a car used by city employees when reading meters.

In other news from Waveland, lights should be installed at the Waveland Little League field within the next two weeks.

Despite apparent resolution of the issue, the subject still raised some voices during the workshop.

Alderman Jay Fleuret ques-

tion fellow board members, asking "where are ya'll with lights for the Little League?"

Longo responded by asking Fleuret, "Are you not part of this administration?" then "Have you done anything about the lights?"

Fleuret said, with hands waving, that he had gotten "the power of the people" behind the matter.

Earlier in the meeting, Longo had announced that the lights should be up soon, but Fleuret had left the room and was not present at the time.

A final payment of \$11,238.25 to Beacon Contractors, Inc. was approved for work done on phase II of the Garfield Ladder pier extension project. A final payment of \$205 to Eaton and Associates for construction administration on the project was also approved.

The board approved a sexual harassment policy statement and complaint procedure for the city with complaints to be reported directly to the mayor and/or city attorney.

Also approved were amendments to the city's Policies and Procedures and the Code of Conduct.

## Jail — Bids too high

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the present jail, so he recommended that specifications be drawn up for a more modern security system.

Supervisors and Polk agreed and rejected the bid again.

Polk also briefed supervisors on the status of putting out to bid the county's Juvenile Detention Center, which would be attached to and built above the present county courthouse.

Polk says he planned to meet this week with Kentucky design consultants, then with officials with the state's Archives and History Department, since the building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"Once they sign off on it, we can go out to bid," said Polk. Supervisors asked him to try to get final design approval, so the contract could be put out to bid at their May 18 meeting. Polk will also include in that contract new specs for the security system at the expanded jail.

In other business before supervisors Monday:

Necaise reacted to a request by District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward and said the Sheriff's Department would patrol and

enforce the "no wake zone" in waters around Diamondhead on weekends and holidays.

Supervisors accepted a low bid of \$5,935 submitted by General Communications, LLC of Hattiesburg to outfit with radios five vehicles recently obtained by the Sheriff's Department from the Waveland Police Department.

Jeff Loftis, consultant to the board from the Gulf Regional Planning Commission, said he has had initial contact with Department of Marine Resources officials, and some Tidelands monies might be available to repair the Dunbar and Washington Street piers destroyed by last February's storm. Estimates are the Dunbar pier would cost at least \$60,000 to rebuild and make handicapped accessible. Estimates for the Washington pier weren't immediately available.

Loftis also told supervisors they have until July 1 to submit the county's request for Tidelands funding for the 2000 fiscal year.

Supervisors also authorized the Port and Harbor Commission to make a low-interest loan

in order to borrow \$155,000 for two 12,000-gallon elevated fuel tanks at Stennis Airport.

Authorized the transfer of \$7,000 in the fire insurance rebate fund to be used by the Diamondhead Fire Department to purchase a \$350,000 fire truck, equipped with pump and ladder. The balance would be paid from the proceeds from four mills of the property tax that is set aside for the county's fire protection districts.

County Administrator Tim Keller reported to supervisors that at their requests he has changed the county's employment application forms. Future county employees will be asked to name any relatives that might be working for the county.

Coward announced that she hopes a portion of new Tidelands monies can be used to add a second boat launch at Cedar Point.

Supervisors took under advisement a request by the Hancock County School District for the county to share in engineering design fees for a new road required by construction of a new middle school adjacent to the present high school.

## Horses — Neighbor angry

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livestock, he has the right to require that the horses be removed.

At a workshop meeting on Monday, Gavney displayed photographs of Scott Favre's horses within a few feet of Gavney's home and swimming pool.

Mayor Favre said that in response to Gavney's complaint on Monday, he'd notified Scott Favre on Tuesday that the horses

would have to be shifted to outside the 300-foot range of Gavney's home.

But Scott Favre threatened legal action, saying he keeps his horses in a stable that's 350 feet from Gavney's residence. The only time the horses get closer than that, he added, is when he exercises them. And then the horses are bridled, supervised and under control, he added.

City Attorney John Scafield said

as long as the horses aren't running free within 300 feet of Gavney's residence, there's nothing in the municipal code barring their presence. The law would allow, for instance, riding a horse down a city street, or within 50 feet of a neighbor's home.

The city's 300-foot rule bars a person from raising, housing or keeping livestock in proximity to an adjoining property, when the owner objects, said Scafield. It does not bar exercising livestock within the same area, he added.

Meanwhile, the city has notified another horse owner, Ray Murphy, that he has to relocate his livestock from a Union Street site. In that case, the livestock are stabled within 300 feet of adjoining neighbors. Murphy has vowed to fight the matter in court.

## Kick like a Zebra at Zoolympics '98

Kick like a Zebra, Waddle like a Duck or Flap like a Bird are the new challenges added to this year's Zoolympics. Children can compare their abilities to those of the animal kingdom at Zoolympics May 9 (rescheduled from March 7 due to rain) at the Jackson Zoo.

Other events include Giraffe Stretch, Red Panda Walk, Lemur Leap, Orangutan Squeeze and Flamingo Stand.

Kids can also enjoy animal encounters, animal zoetrition, and animal enrichment presented by the Jackson Zoo docents. Don't miss animal face painting — \$1.

## Concert in the Park

Everyone's invited Saturday night, May 9, to Old City Hall Park in downtown Bay St. Louis for a concert to benefit Hope Haven.

The music by ConspiraSea gets underway at 6 p.m. and festivities continue until 10 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and hot, boiled crawfish will be available for a small donation, and soft drinks and beer will be sold, too.

All proceeds will benefit Hancock County's home for abused and abandoned children.

Zoolympics is scheduled for Saturday. The Jackson Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with \$4 admission for adults and \$2 for children and senior citizens. Friends of the Zoo and children 2 and under are free. For information, call 352-2581.

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## County school board sets in motion bonds for middle school

BY BETTY RUTH HAWKINS

Board members took a significant step Monday evening, May 4, in the process of completing a \$20 million building program for Hancock County Schools. With passage of a resolution, the board set in motion issuance of State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds for \$5.9 million.

Proceeds from the bonds will be spent on construction of the new elementary school on the Kila-DeJade Road.

### VFW Auxiliary to sponsor comedy show

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Unit No. 3253, will have a comedy variety show Sat., May 9, starting at 8 p.m. at the post home, 242 Third St., Bay St. Louis.

Admission is \$5 per person with proceeds to be used for cancer side and research. Cindy Schoonmaker, Auxiliary president, said.

There will be food and refreshments available.

The chairman for the comedy variety is Marlene Mitchell.

The general public is invited. "Please come," Schoonmaker said.

## Supers receive pitch on Kiln museum

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County supervisors like the idea of establishing a museum in Kiln once a new library is constructed further down Hwy. 603.

The idea was pitched to supervisors by Beth Carriere, executive director of Hancock County's Tourism Development Bureau.

"It's not a case of build it, and they will come. They're already coming," said Carriere. She said tourists are flocking year round to the Kiln, because it has become known as the birthplace of Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers' star quarterback and the NFL's two-time Most Valuable Player.

The tourists go to the Broken Spoke and Dolly's Quick Stop to watch up souvenirs, she said, and the Kiln Library is just a short drive or ride up the road.

Carriere said the museum could display Favre memorabilia, but it also could be used to catalog the history of Hancock County.

"Spinoff business would develop, and the tourists would have one more place to visit," said Carriere.

The tourism director also used the occasion to trumpet the success of recent visits by travel writers who toured Hancock County.

Bay St. Louis and the surrounding area were recently featured in a six- to seven-page spread in the *Spirit*, the inflight magazine for Southwest Airlines, estimated to be read by three million air travelers.

"We estimate that amounts to about \$72,000 free publicity," said Carriere. She said the area has also been featured in other magazines, including *Southern Living*.

She said the publicity comes as the nation celebrates Na-

### School completes inventory

In a recently received report from Mississippi State Auditor Phil Bryant, the Hancock County School District received excellent marks on the Feb. 12-19 property audit.

Lynal Nozime, district business manager, and Tammy Garber, district property officer, were commended for their cooperative and helpful attitudes extended to State Field Auditor Jeff Jolly.

The report found that all fixed assets were in good shape, vehicles were properly marked, and tagged equipment was accounted for within the district.

Although the state performs fixed asset audits randomly throughout the year, the Hancock County School District ensures that an inventory audit is completed twice each year.

an end-of-the-year overview brought to the board recommendations and expressed support of policies in a number of areas.

Jonathan Caston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Caston, and Kasey Ladner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Ladner, both of Kiln; Jazmin Gargoum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salah Gargoum of Diamondhead, and Jessica Spangler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spangler, also of Kiln, relayed strong support for the board's policy relating to drug testing for athletes and encouraged board members to allay some of the fear and apprehension surrounding the proposed testing with a strong effort to explain to students and to parents how the testing process will work.

The board agreed last month to authorize the principal to sit a committee to establish policies and procedures for drug testing.

Additionally the students expressed support for more frequent and thorough searches for drugs and weapons on campus. Caston, a senior who will attend the University of Southern Mississippi this fall and son of board member Tony Caston, said he personally experienced the joy of feeling safe at school.

He, however, said that the publicity about searches acts as

a deterrent for those students who might bring drugs or weapons to campus.

Students encouraged the board's continued involvement in student activities and events. Hancock High is ranked in the top 25 percent academically in Mississippi. Along with the new construction program and technology advances, students are aware that their learning experience is above the norm.

In other matters, the board voted to table a proposal to hire D & D Marketing to negotiate a contract with soft drink companies for sales in the district. Superintendent Terry Randolph asked that the board wait

### Disclaimer

Gary F. Griffin, 217 Corinth Drive, Bay St. Louis, reports that he is not the Gary Griffin listed in the Court Report appearing in the April 30 edition of The Echo.

### Free anxiety screenings highlight national observance

Feelings of panic or fear for no reason, difficulty with daily activities due to a "keyed up feeling" or one of being stressed out, social situations becoming impossible due to a feeling of being overwhelmed with anxiety, and repeating the same task to ensure accuracy are just a few of the symptoms of an anxiety disorder.

The National Anxiety Disorders Institute's research indicates each year over 23 million Americans suffer from anxiety disorders, which are treatable illnesses.

Help is available. Free anxiety disorders screenings are being offered by NorthShore Psychiatric Hospital as part of a na-

tional awareness campaign.

The free confidential screenings are being conducted now through May 8 at the NSPH, located at 104 Medical Center Drive in Slidell.

Appointments for the free screenings can be made by calling NorthShore Psychiatric Hospital at (504) 646-5500 or (800) 299-HOPE (4673).

The program will include an educational presentation including a video, an anonymous written self-test, the opportunity to meet with a mental health professional, free informational materials on anxiety disorders and other mental illnesses and a referral if indicated.

A family reunion of the Haas family will be held Sat., May 9, starting at 10 a.m. at McLeod Water Park, Firetower Road.

This will mark the third year in a row for a Haas reunion, Vir-dicee Haas, spokesman said.

Family members are asked to bring a covered dish and refreshments for their family.



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## WAMA closed Saturday in preparation for Gala VIII

The Walter Anderson Museum of Art will be closed Saturday, May 9, in preparation for Gala VIII, which begins at 6 that evening. The annual black tie fund raiser is the most anticipated event of the year which raises money for educational outreach projects and general operations.

Inspired by "Motion Detection: The Visual Rhythms of Walter Anderson," the museum's current exhibition, Gala's theme this year is "Rhythms."

Jane and Dave Dennis of Pass Christian are this year's chairmen and have set the goal at \$70,000.

Live auction items include original line drawing by Walter Anderson donated by the family

of Walter Anderson, three-dimensional wall painting by Clayton Bass, original watercolor by Chris Stebly (grandson of Walter Anderson), mosaic table with white alligators by Elizabeth Veglia, Ski Beaver Creek trip for six, dinner at the Castle for 10, and a Judy Howell portrait (seating up to six people).

Over 100 silent auction items will be up for bid, featuring original artwork, travel, antiques, jewelry, weekend get-a-ways and outings, dinner, Walter Anderson motif clothing, gift certificates and more.

Naman's of Mobile is catering the six-course, gourmet meal. Table decorations are original art creations by Jan Hutchinson Macdiarmid.

## Showboat Auction sets sail May 8-15

Get ready for exciting bargains when the 32nd annual Showboat Auction, which benefits WYES-TV/Channel 12, sails into town from Friday, May 8 through Friday, May 15.

High bidders at this year's auction will walk away with some of the most fantastic merchandise and services available when the Showboat unloads its cargo on the auction block.

Heading the list of bargains is the Lamarque Auto Showcase, donated by the Lamarque Motor Company, Inc. The high bidder will choose one of four vehicles: a 1998 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4, a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited, a 1998 Dodge Durango 4x4, or a 1998 Mercury Mountaineer, each valued at more than \$32,000.

Cruise enthusiasts will love the Fantasy Getaways: a trip for two aboard a schooner to get "up close and personal" with the whales off the Galapagos Islands, Alaskan and Panama Canal cruises, a Delta Queen Steamboat excursion and much more.

A mouth-watering selection of gift certificates is available from some of the area's gourmet restaurants, which will be featured on the Silver Chef's Board. Here's your chance to bid on that dream meal you've always

wanted at places such as Emeril's, Charley G's, Trey Yuen's, Maximo's and others.

The Louisiana Baskets, overflowing with products from around the state, were such a success in past years that now were collected goodies from neighbors to the east and west to create Mississippi and Texas baskets, bountiful with sauces, seasonings, sweets and more.

This year, the ever-popular I Wish Board boasts a limited edition Princess Diane Beanie Baby, as well as other one-of-a-kind items.

And weekend travelers are sure to love the many bed and breakfast stays, restaurant gift certificates, tours and other goods and services donated from businesses throughout the viewing area.

There's something for everyone at the WYES Showboat Auction — from cases of motor oil to fine furnishings and everything in between. So, tune in to the 32nd annual Showboat Auction.

WYES is a partnership between citizens, foundations, business and local, state and federal governments working together toward the education and development of the community.

## Garden tour

The Mobile Botanical Gardens will present their 1998 spring garden tour, The Gallery of Gardens, Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, May 10, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Featuring private home gardens, the self-guided tour will consist of six homes located in

Springhill, Cottage Hill and on Dog River. A variety of garden styles will be featured.

Tickets are \$15 per person on the days of the event or \$12.50 in advance.

For information, contact Dale Whitworth at 334-342-0555.



### Garden of Month

Diamondhead Garden Club Residential Garden of the Month Award for April went to Mrs. Dottie Hirsch, 89335 Diamondhead Drive East.



### Golf Course Garden of Month

Diamondhead Garden Club awarded Golf Course Garden of the Month honors for April to Chuck and Til Garrison, 7720 Puma Place, No. 1 Pine.



### Commercial Garden of Month

Diamondhead Garden Club gave Oks Association Entrance the Commercial Garden of the Month Award for April.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

THE SEA COAST ECHO—THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998-9A

## Breath's celebrates grand re-opening

This month, Breath's Boats & Motors will celebrate the renovation and refurbishment of its Bay St. Louis establishment. The business, which was started on the Coast in 1926, and is the oldest dealer of Johnson Outboards in Mississippi, recently completed a renovation project that included remodeling and painting the building on US-90 and adding a new sign displaying the store's new logo.

Sales manager and company spokesperson Jim Collins said, "We are proud of our new look here at Breath's, and we invite the public to come see the changes we've made. Our renovation project has allowed us to better showcase our top-of-the-line boats, motors and equipment."

To celebrate the completion of these major improvements, Breath's will offer discounted prices on its lines of Grady-White and Boston Whaler boats during the entire month of May. Visitors to the store may also register to win an Eagle GFS, which Breath's will give away at the end of the month.

Breath's Boats & Motors sells Grady-White, Boston Whaler, Carolina Skiff and May Craft boats as well as Johnson Outboards and the Max line of all-terrain vehicles.

## Biloxi Chamber to open Business Learning Center

The Biloxi Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the Innovative Business Learning Center Friday, May 8, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Biloxi Chamber office at 1048 Beach Boulevard in Biloxi. Continental breakfast will be served.

The Innovative Business

## Loan seminar

The Small Business Development Center at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast will offer a women's seminar on the SBA loan application process in Long Beach May 21.

Workshop fee of \$10 must be paid in advance and is necessary due to limited seating.

For information, call USM's Small Business Development Center at (228) 865-4578.

## Manager makes good on promise

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis General Manager Joe Billhimer challenged his employees to a chili cookoff last week. He said he would work two hours for any employee who could beat his secret chili recipe.

Billhimer worked for two hours in the casino's Abracadabra's Buffet as a line server carving meat, bussing tables and bar tending. The two-hour shift was honoring his challenge to the winners of the event.

The chili cook was a part of an employee activity designed by the Human Resources Department in conjunction with an employee fishing tournament held recently.

Winners of the chili cookoff included Chef Glenn Adams of food and beverage, who won \$100 and a plaque for first place. Second place winner, Pam Zanco of purchasing, won a \$50 gift certificate for dinner. Terry Smith of Keno won four buffet meal tickets for third place.

The People's Choice winners included Dominoe Bruyndonckx, 10-year-old daughter of Chef Guy Bruyndonckx, who

won \$100 and a plaque for first place. Darlene Mange and Cindy Eberhart, both of payroll, won a \$50 gift certificate to dinner for second place.

Chef Glenn Adams of food and beverage won four buffet meal tickets for third place. The consolation prize for both categories went to General Manager Joe Billhimer.

Fishing Rodeo winners won trophies and cash prizes as well. Winners included Kelly Welsh for the speckled trout category, Jonathan Anaya for croaker, Kenny Necaise for bass, Paul Knight for crappie, Rick Choina for perch, Chaz McKenzie and Glenn Bulleman for perch, and Guy Wheeler for flounder.

Winners in the children's category included Jonathan Anaya for croaker and J. D. Blackburn for catfish.

Rick Choina of security was the official weigh master.



## Top 10 producers

Latter & Blum recently hosted an awards ceremony at English Turn Country Club at which the top 10 producing realtors were recognized. They are, back row from left, Carol Jambon, Metairie; John Harris, Bay St. Louis; Pat Pentes, Kenner; Ruth Grimes, Algiers; Mat Berenson, Uptown; Letty Rosenfield, Uptown; front row, Debbie Ferrante, Metairie; Brooks Arthurs, Uptown; Bob Merric, CEO; and Susan Angelle, Mandeville. Arthurs was also named top producer among all Latter & Blum offices in 1997. Not pictured is Susanne Jeffress, Slidell.

## Senior Market Expo set for May 8 at Coliseum

Senior citizens and people interested in the needs of seniors can catch the wave of excitement at the second annual Senior Market Expo May 8 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi.

Following the theme of "Catch the Wave, Capture the Future," the expo will include educational seminars, exhibits of health resources and some health screenings. There will be a variety of give-aways and entertainment that includes nationally recognized performers.

Admission is \$2 per person. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and early arrivals will be treated to live entertainment by New Orleans pianist Leon Kel-

ner and a coffee station sponsored by Gulf Coast Medical Center/Gulf Oaks Hospital.

## Recruitment firm opens

Management Recruiters International (MRI), the nation's leading provider of recruitment and human resources services, has opened a Management Recruiters office at 102 West 5th Street in Long Beach. With its 750 offices in the U.S. and 45 affiliates internationally, MRI makes over 30,000 job placements annually.

Gene Lowery, owner, serves clients with special engineering staffing needs. Lowery has over 18 years of experience in the engineering industry. He has lived on the Gulf Coast for the past 20 years.

## Chamber business workshop

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is presenting a series of seminars for area businesses throughout the year.

The next seminar will be Thursday, May 14, 6-8 p.m. in the Chamber's board room at 412 Hwy. 90, Suite 6, Bay St. Louis.

The seminar is on "How To Write a Winning Business Plan." Instructor is Lucy Betcher, director at the USM Small Business Development Center in Long Beach.

Topics include the do's and don'ts of writing a business plan, including length, introduction, content and presentation. The importance of a business plan will also be discussed.

Fee is \$15 and must be paid in advance due to limited seating. To pre-register, mail check made payable to USM SBDC (before May 8) to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

For information, contact the USM SBDC at 865-4578 or the Hancock County Chamber at 467-9048.

Co-sponsors include Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, USM Small Business Development Center, Gulf Coast Business Technology Center and the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

## Smith honored

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter 130 of Service Corps of Retired Executives recently presented Stone Smith a plaque for 19 years of continuous and meritorious service to the small business community of the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a SCORE counselor.

During this period he also served for two years as chair of Chapter 130. He was awarded the Platinum Leadership Award by the National SCORE Office in 1994 for his outstanding performance as leader of the chapter.

Stone now resides in St. Petersburg, Fla.



## Chefs

Chef Glenn Adams, right, won first place in Casino Magic's Employee Chili Cookoff, and Dominoe Bruyndonckx, 10-year-old daughter of Magic's Chef Guy Bruyndonckx, won first place in People's Choice.



## Family affair

Casino Magic's buffet manager, Barbara Blackburn, poses with her son, J. D., who won the children's catfish category in the Casino Magic Employee Fishing Rodeo.

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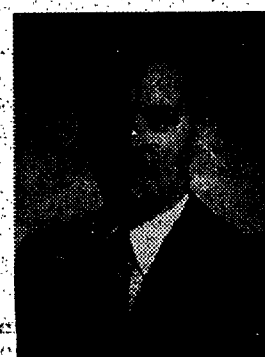
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## Supers — Seek state help

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Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran was the only one who voted against the ordinance because he felt it would stifle growth in the county. Since then, District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman of Pearlinton has been getting lots of complaints from property owners, along with District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner.

Moran threatened to rescind the measure passed last October unless some way is found to break the impasse. However, after Monday's hearing, supervisors voted to turn to the state legislature, the Department of Environmental Quality and possibly, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for relief.

District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman passed a resolution asking the Health Department to work with the three agencies and come up with "one or more alternative systems by June 1."

Current state law won't allow wastewater to be discharged off property unless it is treated first. That sometimes requires costly, individual treatment systems, and the Health Department doesn't have enough personnel to monitor those systems even if they were installed.

Regional Health Director Dr. Robert Travinecek told supervisors the new ordinance is helping to stop any further pollution of streams and bays, because the amount of raw sewage being discharged is being reduced.

"It's exciting. We're making progress," he said. "I'm not the Gestapo here. We're doing the best we can with what we've got."

Travinecek brought with him Jim Weston, a wastewater and soil specialist with the state Health Department, who inspects all building sites in the entire southern portion of the state.

Weston said he looks at more

lots in Hancock County than anywhere else, and he disputed charges that alternative systems aren't being recommended to property owners. The problem is they are more costly than septic tanks, and homeowners balk at paying the price for engineers to design the system and to have it installed, he said.

Since last January to the present, Weston said 140 sites were inspected, and only 15 lots were turned down because they could not support any kind of sewage disposal system.

Weston said the lots are either too small to accommodate a water well and septic tank, or the land is too wet and soils too poor to accommodate any kind of on-site sewage treatment.

Weston said 25 lots that couldn't support an underground system were given alternatives "and most were given more than one choice." He said sites are inspected sometimes two and three times in efforts to accommodate property owners.

Ron Magee, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee, told supervisors to "stay the course" and not be persuaded to rescind or water down the existing ordinance. He said the chamber's Economic Development Committee also supports the Health Department stand on the issue because it feels the lack of a comprehensive countywide wastewater collection and treatment system is adversely impacting economic development in the county.

"Nobody disagrees," said Magee. "This is a huge problem," he said, "but we are making great progress."

Magee said, "Since the Environmental Committee completed its wastewater study for southern Hancock County, we now know that funding has been secured to sewer approximately 1,100 existing homes"

(in Shoreline Park). Magee predicted this new link "will open up five times that amount in additional home building sites in these newly sewered areas."

Magee said his committee has also secured funding "to develop all the necessary facility plans for both Pearlinton and Wastewater District 1 to allow them to continue in their search for more funding."

"Figure out how in the world we can fund the rest of the sewerage system. It's an economic development tool. To me, that's where the money should be put," Magee added.

Pullman complained, "The bottom line is that people are paying taxes on their property, but they can't build or live on it. How can we sit here as governing body of this county and say that's OK?"

Pullman said if the health department could find a way to provide sewage treatment for individual lots or cluster sites, "We will pass an ordinance to put in a monitoring system and charge homeowners."

Ladner urged Health Department officials to "find something that works on small lots."

In another case, Ladner claimed the Health Department told one property owner "to buy more land, and he did, and they still can't build."

That property owner identified himself as Vincent Savarese, who claimed he was getting the "runaround" from the Health Department.

He said he initially gave his daughter a lot that measured 100' x 228' on Lakeshore Road near Hwy. 90, and 18 days later, they were told the lot is not big enough.

Savarese said he has now given his daughter more land, and it measures 200' by 228'.

"My daughter wants to build a \$140,000 house. Tell us what kind of system we have to put in, and we'll do it," he said.

## Annexed — No zoning in area

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members. The applicant, Madeline W. Tonti, wanted the city's approval to build a house at 4010 North Beach Boulevard, with a variance from regulations concerning how close a structure can sit next to the side yard property lines.

Despite objections from adjoining property owners, Tonti's request was recommended for approval last week by the city Planning and Zoning Commission. But when the matter came up for council action Tuesday, Tonti, a Louisiana resident, said she had just found out the property never has been zoned.

Since it's not zoned, the lot isn't subject to the city's zoning regulations. Tonti promptly withdrew her application for variances from the regulations — since they don't apply to her — and took her seat in the audience. She assured City Council that she plans to build a home that won't be "abusive" to the city's zoning regulations. Tonti had sought a two-foot variance on one side of her lot, and a 4.5-foot variance on the other side. The lot at issue is a mere 47 feet wide.

Apparently, some City Council members had advance word of the bombshell Tonti was about to drop. Council President Tad Black said some discussion of it had taken place prior to the meeting, and council was prepared to take steps in response. "We've discussed it and we pretty much know what we're going to do," said Black, when a stunned citizen in the audience, Richard McCollough, asked if the city has absolutely no jurisdiction over what's built in the annexed area.

"Hopefully, in the next 60 days, we will have some action and some zoning in that area," he said to Franya Etheridge, a citizen who had cited the matter as an example of repeated slip-ups in zoning and building permit matters.

Council member Carleen Moran, one of two freshman members, said the situation with Tonti's property "draws some attention to blatant problems we have."

Council member James Thrifflay suggested a 60-day moratorium would suffice to enact zoning in the annexed area, saying the situation, "kind of scares me." But at that point, city attorney John Scafide said council probably would need a 120-day moratorium, because the city will have to enact a comprehensive plan before imposing zoning on the annexed area.

That plan will have to include special district provisions for the casino enterprise that dominates

the area, and there will have to be maps incorporated with the associated "politically explosive" issues that have kept the plan on the shelf for seven years.

There was some confusion Tuesday over whether the city could enact a "comprehensive plan" dealing only with the annexed area, or whether the plan has to address future development of the entire city limits.

Black and others on council apparently took Scafide's comments to mean that they could adopt a plan dealing only with the annexed area. In fact, council agreed to hold a special workshop next Tuesday at 7 p.m., to work on a plan for the newly annexed area only.

But after the meeting, Scafide clarified his remarks, telling Thrifflay that the city has to adopt a citywide comprehensive plan, before it can proceed to impose zoning on the newly annexed area.

In the meantime, Tonti was irate to hear that the city had just imposed a moratorium on new construction, effectively barring her from building anything on the lot on North Beach Boulevard. "I feel this is not fair to me," she said. Council members assured Tonti they meant nothing personal by barring her from building, while the larger issue is settled.

But Scafide said the city has no basis to deny Tonti a building permit, since she was complying with what city officials said was required, by applying for a variance necessary to get a building permit. Weeks have passed as Tonti has initiated her quest for a variance she never really needed.

Council members agreed to refund Tonti's \$50 application fee, and told her she is eligible to apply for a building permit without a variance, and despite the new moratorium.

But Tonti's case was not the only sticky zoning matter on Council's plate Tuesday night.

## NorthShore Regional's Safety Fair set

May is National Safety Month. And even if you don't spend 24 hours a day watching your child, learning about child safety is important for every parent.

So join Garfield and his pals Sparky the Fire Dog, Pluggie, Super Puppy and the Crash Dummies at NorthShore Regional Medical Center's Safety Fair.

NorthShore Regional, along

with local organizations, have put together a day of fun focusing on the importance of safety. The community Safety Fair is the kickoff to NorthShore Regional's one-week celebration of National Hospital Week May 10-16.

The fair will be held May 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the back parking lot of NorthShore Regional Medical Center. For information, call (504) 646-5014.

Another resident, Dewey Bobbinger, said he had been denied a variance, he sought to build an eight-foot privacy fence on the rear of his property. But, Bobbinger said, the fence he was building merely replaced an eight-foot fence he'd torn down.

There was debate about whether Bobbinger completely tore down the old fence, effectively destroying the right he had to repair it, or whether Bobbinger had left enough of the old fence standing to be covered by rules that would allow him to replace it.

In the end, council agreed to rescind their previous denial of a permit for Bobbinger's replacement fence.

Yet another contentious zoning situation was shelved by council on technical grounds, and remanded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for action.

Ronald Robert had sought side yard and rear yard variances to build a house at 808 South Beach Boulevard, and had won his case at the Planning and Zoning Commission last week.

But an adjoining property owner, Steve Morehouse, contended that he had not been given the required 15-day written notice of a public hearing on the matter. City officials said they'd mailed a letter informing the previous owner of Morehouse's property of the public hearing, but weren't aware that Morehouse had purchased the property.

Morehouse and Robert are involved in a complex legal question concerning right of use of an eight-foot easement adjoining Robert's property.

Scafide said that issue is not pertinent to whether the city grants Robert the variances he seeks. But he and city attorney Donald Rafferty advised council that the notification issue requires the entire matter to be re-advised, and re-heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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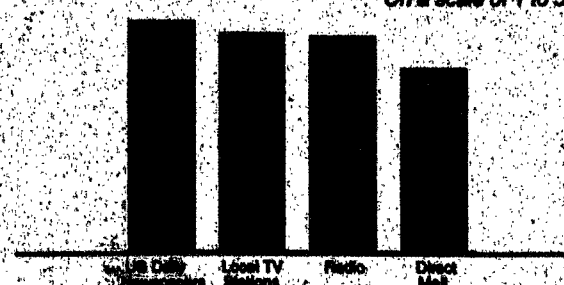
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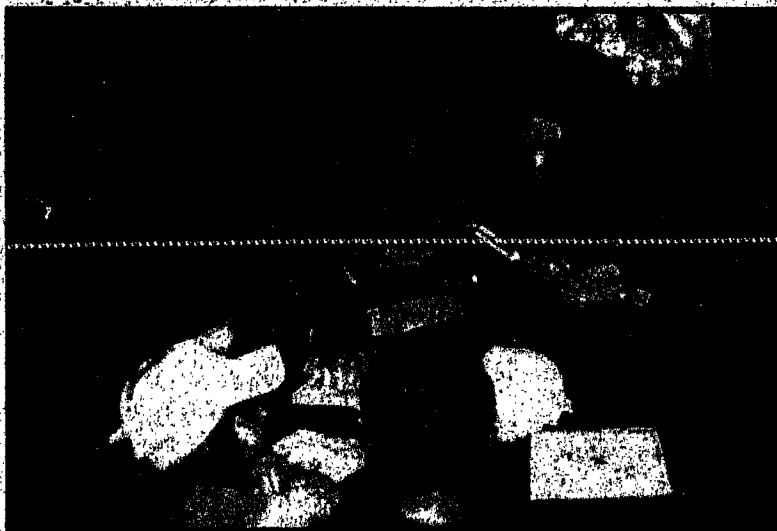
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## Bay Catholic holds sensory workshop



**Workings of the ear**

Dr. Ohlinigras explains how the ear works and demonstrated its sensitivity by having students listen to various sounds like their hearts and stomachs via stethoscope.



**Sound waves**

BCE students concentrate as volunteer Lydia Jelinski teaches them how a sound wave is produced (and the difference in them) during the hearing portion of the sensory sensations workshop.



**Touch booth**

Blindfolded students try to guess what they are touching under the guidance of volunteer Beth Burns in the touch booth at the sensory sensations workshop.

## Waveland Elementary has several events



**Teacher selected**

Donna Torres, a Waveland Elementary multi-age teacher, has been selected for a summer geography workshop in Washington, D.C. for three weeks in July.

She will be studying with the National Geographic Society. The school has benefited from her experiences this year with all the geography activities occurring this year.



**Arbor Day celebration**

Waveland Elementary participated in the Arbor Day celebration by planting a Japanese Magnolia and a Green Ash. Hancock County Soil and Conservation speakers came to the school and helped in the planting.



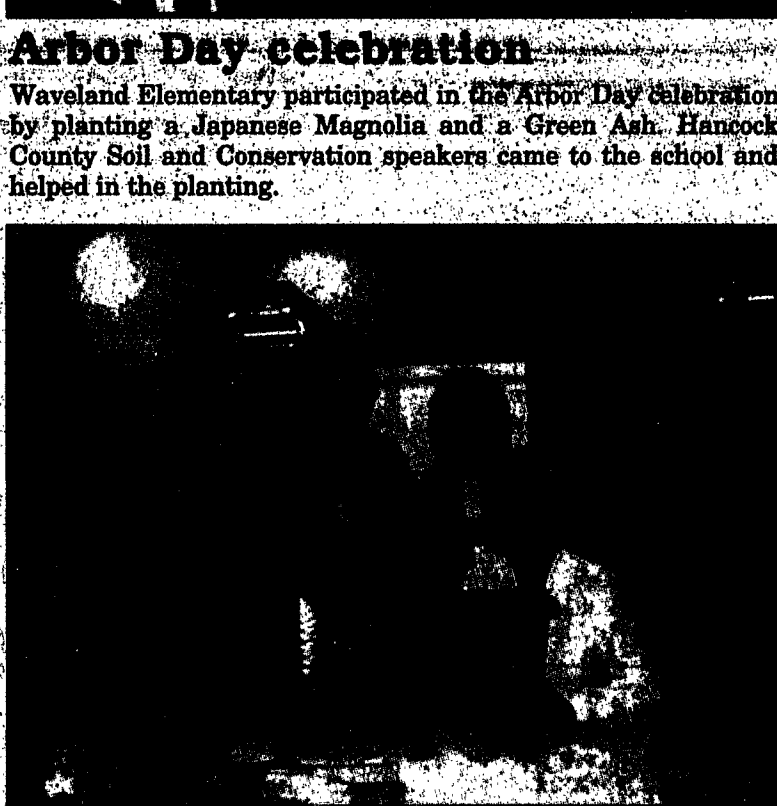
**Snuggle with a book**

Mrs. Gay Spell models reading to students as parents watched at the Snuggle with a book event. Students, parents and teachers came to school dressed in their pajamas, holding stuffed animals and read to each other.



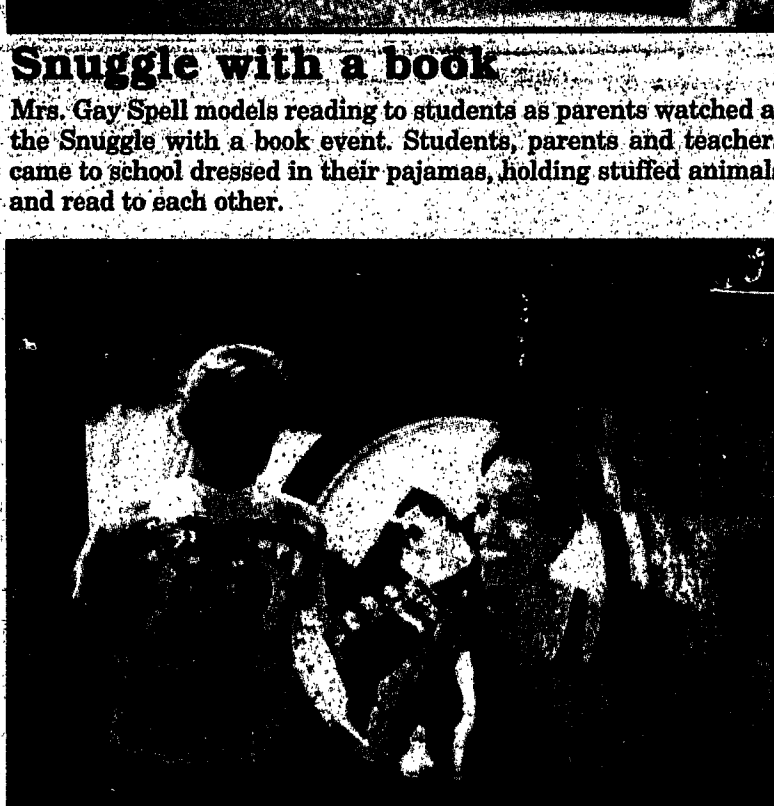
**Panther makes a visit**

Recently, Wildlife Rescue, Inc. brought a 12-year-old Florida Panther to Waveland Elementary to educate the students about being environmentally responsible and about saving the endangered wildlife, especially the panther. Each student was allowed to pet the panther. Pictured from left are: Bert Wahl, Wildlife Rescue Director; Dr. Donna Jones, principal; and Barbara Cropp, counselor.



**Motheread workshop**

Waveland Elementary School recently participated in the Motheread workshop at Casino Magic Inn. Using children's literature, educators were trained to work with parents and students to improve reading, critical thinking, problem-solving skills and family communication. Back row from left, Susan Hughes, librarian and Barbara Cropp, counselor. Front row from left, Carol Frisch and Bertha Gorham, Motheread instructors.



**Pepsi student of the month**

Waveland Elementary recognized an outstanding student in third grade as the Pepsi student of the month for March. Lindsey Trotter was selected as that student. Mr. Sam Alman presented her with a Pepsi t-shirt and a certificate.

## Bookmark contest winners at Hancock North Central

Students at Hancock North Central Elementary School recently competed in a bookmark designing

contest to promote National Library Week. One winner per grade was chosen. Winning bookmarks were

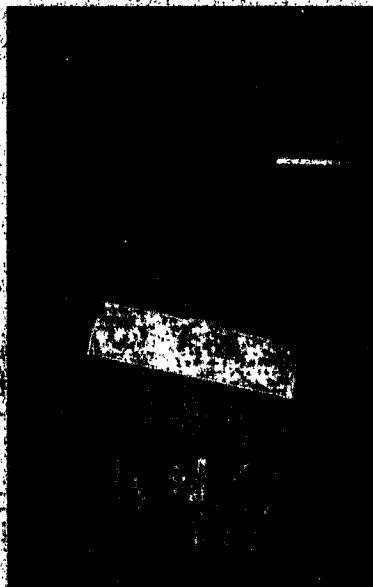
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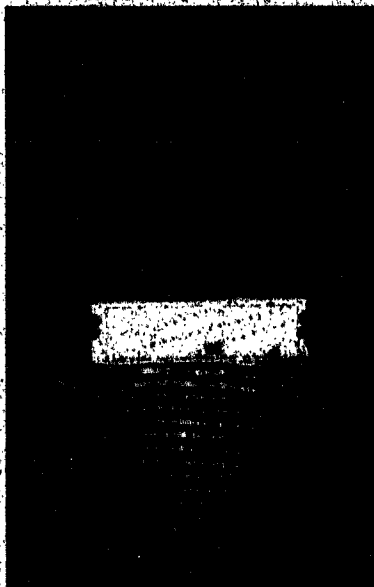
**Kindergarten —**  
Sophie O'Connell



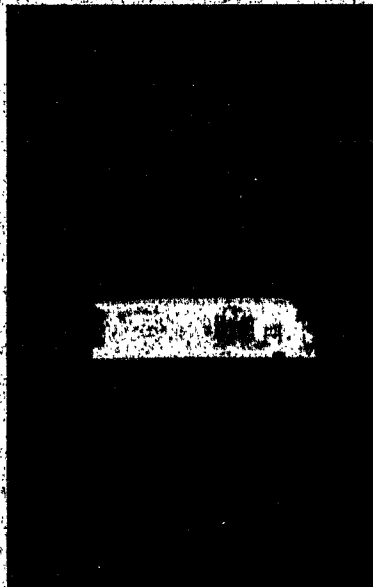
**First Grade —**  
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**Second Grade —**  
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**Third Grade —**  
Kaitlin Ladner



**Fourth Grade —**  
Megan Finch



**Fifth Grade —**  
Ashley McLaughlin



# SPORTS

2B-THE SEA COAST ECHO—THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998

## Bay High, Hancock, OLA & SSC runners qualify for State Track Meet in Jackson

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
The South State track meets for Classes 2A and 4A were held on Saturday, May 2, at the d'Iberville Warrior Track Complex on Back Bay Biloxi.  
The McComb Bulldogs held off a pesky group of d'Iberville Warriors and Quitman Tigers to claim the boys 4A title while George County cruised to a consecutive South State title in girls 4A action. St. Stanislaus was in contention for the title until late in the meet.  
The OLA Crescents battled their nemesis St. Andrews of Jackson for the girls 2A title. However, the Crescents' efforts were valiant but not enough as they placed second with 112 points to St. Andrews' 137.5 points.  
The top four qualifiers in each event move on to the state track meet held in Jackson on Friday, May 8.  
In 2A girls action, Nina Crain placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 15'1".  
Andy Brown of SSC placed fourth in the 4A boys long jump with a leap of 21'1 1/4".  
In 4A girls high jump, Jessica Pucheu of Hancock took top honors with a jump of 5'2".  
In 4A boys shotput, SSC took the top two places. Ben Guy won the event with a throw of 50', followed by Willie Golden with a throw of 49'1 3/4". The winning throw by Ben Guy is the first throw of 50' or better by an SSC shotputter since 1969 when Mike Meyers putted the shot 44'6" and won the state title.  
The 2A girls discus saw Jill Rutherford of OLA place third with a throw of 91'3".  
Pucheu placed second in the girls 4A discus with a throw of 103'7".  
Wes Griffith of Bay High won the boys 4A pole vault with a vault of 13'0" while Tim Heavey of SSC placed fourth with a height of 11'0".  
OLA qualified two runners in the girls 2A 3200-meter run.

Lauren Hansell placed third with a time of 13:46.75, followed by Misay McPhail in fourth at 14:51.14.  
Emily Alford of OLA placed first in the 2A girls 100-meter low hurdles with a time of 17.07. Brown of SSC placed third in the boys 4A 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.5.  
Tonya Piernas of OLA placed third in the 2A girls 100-meter dash with a time of 13.1.  
Ronald Brown of Bay High placed fourth in the boys 4A 100-meter dash with a time of 11.1.  
The OLA 800-meter relay team of Leslie Esher, Crain, Kristen Cannon, and Piernas won the girls 2A title with a time of 1:50.0.  
In the boys 4A 800-meter relay, the Bay High team of Herman Dunklin, Tony Benton, Deryl Lang, and Brown placed second with a time of 1:29.70.  
Hansell of OLA placed fourth in the girls 2A 1600-meter run with a time of 6:28.0. Jodi Ladner of Hancock placed third in the 4A girls 1600-meter run with a time of 6:09.0.  
The OLA 400-meter relay team of Crain, Esher, Piernas, and Cannon placed first in the girls 2A event with a time of 51.1.  
The boys 4A 400-meter relay had two area teams qualify for the state meet. The Bay High boys team of Brown, Benton, Dunklin, and Jason McKay placed second with a time of 43.6, followed by the SSC team of Fred Lewis, Brown, Kris Cannon, and Heavey in fourth place with a time of 44.1.  
Esher of OLA placed second in the girls 2A 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.2.  
Brown of SSC placed second in the boys 4A 400-meter dash with a time of 50.2.  
Crain of OLA won the girls 2A 300-meter low hurdles with a time of 48.5.  
Esher of OLA placed third in the girls 2A 800-meter run with

a time of 2:41.2.  
Vicki Ladner of Hancock placed third in the girls 4A 800-meter run with a time of 2:38.5.  
Piernas of OLA placed second in the girls 2A 200-meter dash with a time of 27.1.  
Brown of Bay High won the boys 4A 200-meter dash with a time of 22.1.  
The OLA 1600-meter relay team of Esher, Crain, Cannon, and Hansell won the girls 2A event with a time of 4:27.8.  
The SSC 1600-meter relay team of T.J. McKeough, Donald Pipes, Mike Prendergast, and Brown placed fourth in the boys 4A event with a time of 3:37.3. Brown, the anchor leg, ran an amazing leg to vault SSC from seventh place to fourth place.  
The team scores for the 2A girls were: St. Andrews with 137.5 points, OLA 112, Hinds AHS 75.5, St. John 55.5, Bay Springs 49.5, Newton 36.5, North Forrest 31, Wesson 26.5, McLaurin 14.5, Bailey Magnet 8, Southeast Lauderdale 6, Enterprise 5, Richton 3, and Taylorville with 2.5 points.  
The team scores for the 4A girls were: George County with 154 points, South Pike 45, R.H. Watkins 44.5, Brookhaven 43, Hancock 36, d'Iberville 35, St. Martin 28, Mendenhall 27, McComb 25, Oak Grove 23, East Central 23, Quitman 21, Picayune 18, South Jones 12, Gautier 11.5, Terry 9, Columbus 8, and West Jones with 5 points.  
The 4A boys team scores were: McComb with 85 points, d'Iberville 86, Quitman 78.5, SSC 62.5, Brookhaven 52, Bay High 41.5, Gautier 36, St. Martin 30, South Pike 27, R.H. Watkins 25.5, Crystal Springs 18, George County 16, East Central 15, Northeast Lauderdale 15, Terry 14, Northeast Jones 10.5, Oak Grove 8.5, Long Beach 4, South Jones 4, Mendenhall 3, Picayune 3, Taylorville 3, and West Jones 2.5.

## OLA placed 2nd at South State

OLA finished second overall in the South State 2A track meet held last weekend at d'Iberville High School.  
Winners include:  
3200 meter run, 3rd Lauren Hansell, 13:38; 4th Melissa McPhail, 14:51.  
100 meter hurdles, 1st Emily Alford, 17.07 (new school record); 100 meter dash, 3rd Latonya Piernas 13.1; 800 meter relay, 1st Kristian Cannon, Nina Crain, Leslie Esher and Latonya Piernas 1:50.  
1600 meter run, 4th Lauren Hansell 6:28; 7th Katie Stahl

7:11.97.  
400 meter relay, 1st Kristian Cannon, Nina Crain, Leslie Esher and Latonya Piernas, 51.1 (new school record); 400 meter dash, 2nd Leslie Esher, 1:04.2; 300 meter hurdles, 1st Nina Crain, 48.5 (new school record).  
800 meter run, 3rd Leslie Esher, 2:41.3; 200 meter dash, 2nd Latonya Piernas 27.1; 1600 meter relay, 1st Kristian Cannon, Nina Crain, Lauren Hansell and Leslie Esher 4:27.8.  
Discus, 3rd Jill Rutherford,

91'3". 5th Emily Alford, 85'6".  
Long jump, 4th Nina Crain, 15'1". 6th Latonya Piernas 13'5".  
Standings:  
First, St. Andrews 137.5; second, Our Lady Academy 112; third, Hinds 75.5; fourth, St. John 55.5; fifth, Bay Springs 49.5; sixth, Newton, 36.5; seventh, North Forrest 31; eighth, McLaurin 14.5; 10th, Bailey Magnet 8; 11th, S. E. Lauderdale 6; 12th, Enterprise 5; 13th, Richton 3; 14th Taylorville 2.5.

## Special Olympics at Keesler

Opening ceremonies will be Friday May 15, at 8:30 p.m. for the Special Olympic Mississippi State Summer Games on the parade field at Keesler Air Force Base.  
This will be a spectacular event to start the games with

"Honorary Coach" Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers and Attorney General Mike Moore to finalize the Mississippi Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit SOMS for 1997-98.  
Sports competition/events will start Saturday at 8 a.m.

with a pep rally on the parade field with actual sporting events starting at 9 a.m.  
For information, call 1-800-655-6742 or to volunteer, call Kurt Higgins at Keesler, 377-1717.

## 5K run/walk in Pascagoula

The 13th annual 5K Health Run/Walk and 1 Mile Run Run is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, at Singing River Hospital Wellness Center, Hwy. 90, Pascagoula. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., the one-mile run/walk at 8:45

a.m.  
Registration is 7-7:55 a.m. Entrance fee is \$10 on race day, less if pre-registered.  
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## Marine Ed. Center celebrates a decade of summer fun

This year marks the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium's 10th anniversary of Project Marine Discovery Sea Camp. The center invites students ages 4-14 to register for PMD Sea Camp and learn about exciting things marine.

The University of Southern Mississippi's Institute of Marine Sciences and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea

Grant Consortium sponsor PMD Sea Camp. PMD Sea Camp began in 1988 with 421 students. Since 1990, about 1,100 campers from 30 states and three foreign countries participate in PMD Sea Camp each year.

PMD sea campers learn about the sea and the ocean's creatures through arts and crafts and games with a marine

theme, laboratory investigations and hands-on activities with live marine animals.

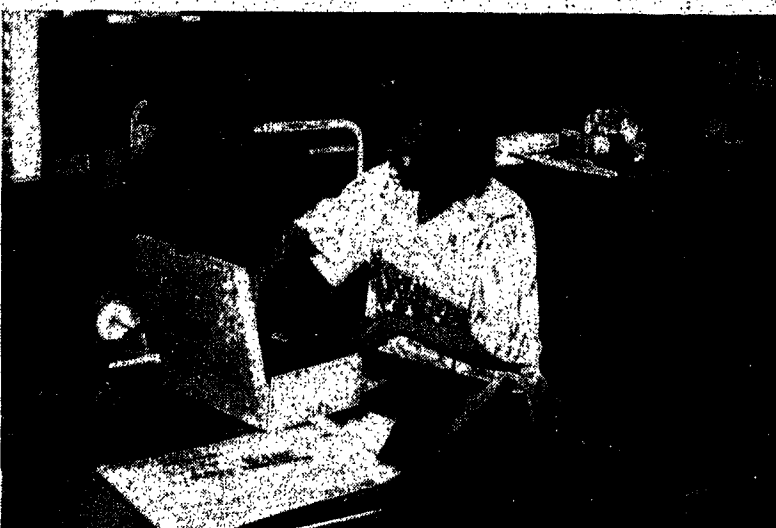
Campers also participate in a variety of age-appropriate, "learn-by-doing" field trips. Campers 6 and above sail on a schooner, go trawling, seine on a beach and visit a salt marsh. Campers 8 and above spend a day on Ship Island.

PMD Sea Camp is held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for campers ages 6-14. Four- to 5-year-olds attend from 8-11 a.m. or from 1-4 p.m. Week-long PMD Sea Camp sessions will be offered weekdays from Monday, June 8 to Friday, July 31, except for the first week in July. Teens may attend the third, fourth and fifth PMD Sea Camp sessions. PMD Sea Camp costs \$125 for ages 8-14, \$110 for ages 6-7, and \$60 for ages 4-5.

A PMD Sea Camp for the hearing impaired will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. June 22 to June 26 for campers ages 8-12. Trained volunteers will serve as interpreters for this session.

Opportunities are available for individuals or groups to sponsor all or part of the \$125 needed for a youngster to participate in PMD Sea Camp for the hearing impaired.

For information, call 374-5550.



### Book Fair

Kay Covode, North Bay Elementary librarian, and Pam Brou, parent volunteer, count the earnings from the recent Book Fair. Proceeds are used to purchase new books for the school's library.

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### HNCCE announces winners

Winners from Hancock North Central Elementary School at the Region VI Science Fair held March 26 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum are, from left, Katherine Moody, honorable mention in chemistry and biochemistry with project entitled "Popcorn, Popcorn, Come Get Your Popcorn"; Amanda Dearman, fourth place in physics and engineering with project entitled "Do You See What I See?"; Katherine Wilson, first place in mathematics with project entitled "Is Measuring Important?"; Lauren Veatch, first place in physics and engineering with project entitled "Are Things Really Lighter in Water Than in Air?"; Amanda Necaize, first place in physics and engineering with project entitled "Who Runs Faster?"; and Nathan Esparza, honorable mention in chemistry and biochemistry with project entitled "Acids and Bases."

### Hancock students place in competition

Several Hancock High School students recently placed in the state Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competition in Jackson Apr. 22-24:

Rebecca McGill, first place, business communication; Denay Landry, third place, job description manual; Amy Cuevas, fourth place, Mississippi Future Business Leader; Alexander Zivic, Eric Lane and Yanina Lee, fifth place, entrepreneurship.

R. J. Gonzales, fifth place, Mr. Future Business Leader; Kasey Ladner, sixth place, impromptu speaking. The first place winner is the daughter of Kenny and Pam McGill of Kiln. McGill will represent the state of Mississippi in the national FBLA competition in Orlando, Fla., in July.

### OLA seventh graders recognized by Duke

Alicia Asper and Meagan Moran, seventh graders at Our Lady Academy who participated in the Duke Talent Identification Program, have qualified for state level recognition. These students scored high

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Saturday, M Shane Mo Molina

David Reid Saturday, M Night of Heavyweights

Michael G Witherspoon Chris Byrd v Golf News Arnold Palm Summer Junior

For ages 12 Level: For 1 Dates: June Times: 8 a.m. Cost: \$145

May 11 Charity Slc benefiting th shelter

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All music shows in the main lobby and free of charge, unless otherwise indicated.

Ticketed events are in the Magical Entertainment Center. For entertainment updates, call The Magical Entertainment Hotline at 1-800-5-MAGIC-5, ext. 4015.

**HBO Televised Boxing Schedule**

Saturday, May 9, 9:15 p.m. Shane Mosely vs John Molina

David Reid vs Nick Rupa Saturday, May 30, 11 p.m. Night of the Young Heavyweights

Michael Grant vs Tim Witherspoon

Chris Byrd vs Elicier Castillo Golf News

Arnold Palmer Golf Academy Summer Junior Clinic Schedule For ages 12-17

Level: For beginners Dates: June 2-5 Times: 8 a.m.-noon daily Cost: \$145 per junior

May 11 Charity Slot Tournament benefiting the local animal shelter

Registration is 9-11 a.m. Entry fee: one 10-pound bag of unopened dog or cat food

First round begins at noon April's Charity Slot Tournament raised \$1,080 for Hancock County's Hope Haven.

**Table Tournaments** Mondays, 1 p.m.

Cash Bonus Freeroll Tournament

20 hours of play to qualify Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Half Card Stud & Half Hold'em Tournament

Play begins at 7 p.m. Max win based on prize pool. Cost: \$15 buy-in, \$10 re-buy

Thursdays, Bounty Hunters' Tournament

Half Hold'em Half Omaha Starts at noon

Max win based on prize pool. Cost: \$15 buy-in, \$10 re-buy

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Plus, there's a bonus drawing for all participants on Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m. for \$300 cash. Complete rules and details available in the Keno Parlor or call 1-800-562-4425, ext. 4001.

**Mimi Garrard Dance Theatre to perform**

The Walter Anderson Museum of Art presents the "Mimi Garrard Dance Theatre of New York" at part of ArtForms 1998 Performance Series, Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Performances begin at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Springs Civic Center, Hwy. 90. Tickets are available through the museum.

One of the most exciting and innovative forces at work in modern dance today, the internationally acclaimed Mimi Garrard Dance Theatre of New York explores the universal art of expression, by combining the talents of young preeminent artists with works ranging from intricate theater pieces to satirical, comic and pure movement dances.

## 'Glitz' opens Monday at Grand Theatre

Grand Casino Biloxi announces the newest Greg Thompson production to come to the Mississippi Gulf Coast—Glitz. Opening at the Biloxi Grand Theatre Monday, May 18, Glitz is a glimmering salute to American music from the Roaring '20s to the hip-hop 90s. No era of music is left unsung, and his show is definitely not "the same old song and dance."

Thompson's previous productions at the Biloxi Grand Theatre have included "Dancin' in the Streets," "StageStruck," "Masters of Illusion," "Hollywood," and most recently, "Motor City-Rhythm & Blues."

Thompson has ongoing worldwide productions everywhere from Tokyo, New Zealand, China, Monte Carlo, Nevada, Michigan, Washington and Branson, Mo.

The entire cast of Glitz, including the band Music Machine, pays tribute to the Roaring '20s. Music Machine is a high-energy, hilarious ensemble, complete with guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, trombone, trumpet, saxophone and amazing harmonies. They'll play favorites like "Clap Hands, Here Comes Charlie," "Ain't We Got Fun," and "Ma, She's Makin' Eyes At Me."

Glitz then heads into the 1930s with the Mistinguett Dancers kicking up their heels to "Sing, Sing, Sing" and Music Machine's Joe Raines lets loose with "All Right, OK, You Win." Music Machine takes on the big band sound with a 1940s medley of hits, where the cast is sure to "Let The Good Times Roll," and then they are "Jammmin'" to "Stuff Like That There."

The poodle skirts and dreams of James Dean bring on the 1950s as the cast does the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace" and a motorcycle medley guaranteed to rev your engines with "C. C. Rider," "The Wanderer," "He's a Rebel," "Fever," and "Black Denim Trousers."

The '60s were a turning point of our culture with tie-dyed clothes, flower power and long hair. The rock opera was born and took shape on the Broadway stage, and Glitz goes '60s with "The Age of Aquarius," "Let The Sunshine In," "Hair," "Day By Day," and Jesus Christ, Superstar.

No tribute to American music would be complete without country music. The worldwide appeal of country music will include a growing rendition of Reba McEntire's "Why Haven't I Heard From You?"

The '70s with disco mirror balls, polyester suits and 'the hustle' lead the way as the cast heats up the house with "Disco Inferno," "Boogie Oogie, Oogie," and "Turn That Beat Around."

The '80s has the Music Machine performing a medley of hits that are still going strong today. Glitz takes us into the '90s with "Vision Of Love" and "The House Is Rockin'."

Several of the Mistinguett Dancers have performed at the Biloxi Grand Theatre and America Live. Included are Osborne Adams, Victoria Hilton, Tiffany Kilpatrick and Deanne Mason, Julie Steinwinder and company manager Robyn Smith. Jenelle Burke, an Ocean Springs graduate, is making her professional dancing debut in Glitz.

Show times are 3 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 8 p.m. Friday through Wednesday; and 10:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. Ticket price is \$9.95 for all shows. Tickets are available at the Biloxi Grand Theatre box office (1-800-WIN-2-WIN) or at all TicketMaster outlets.

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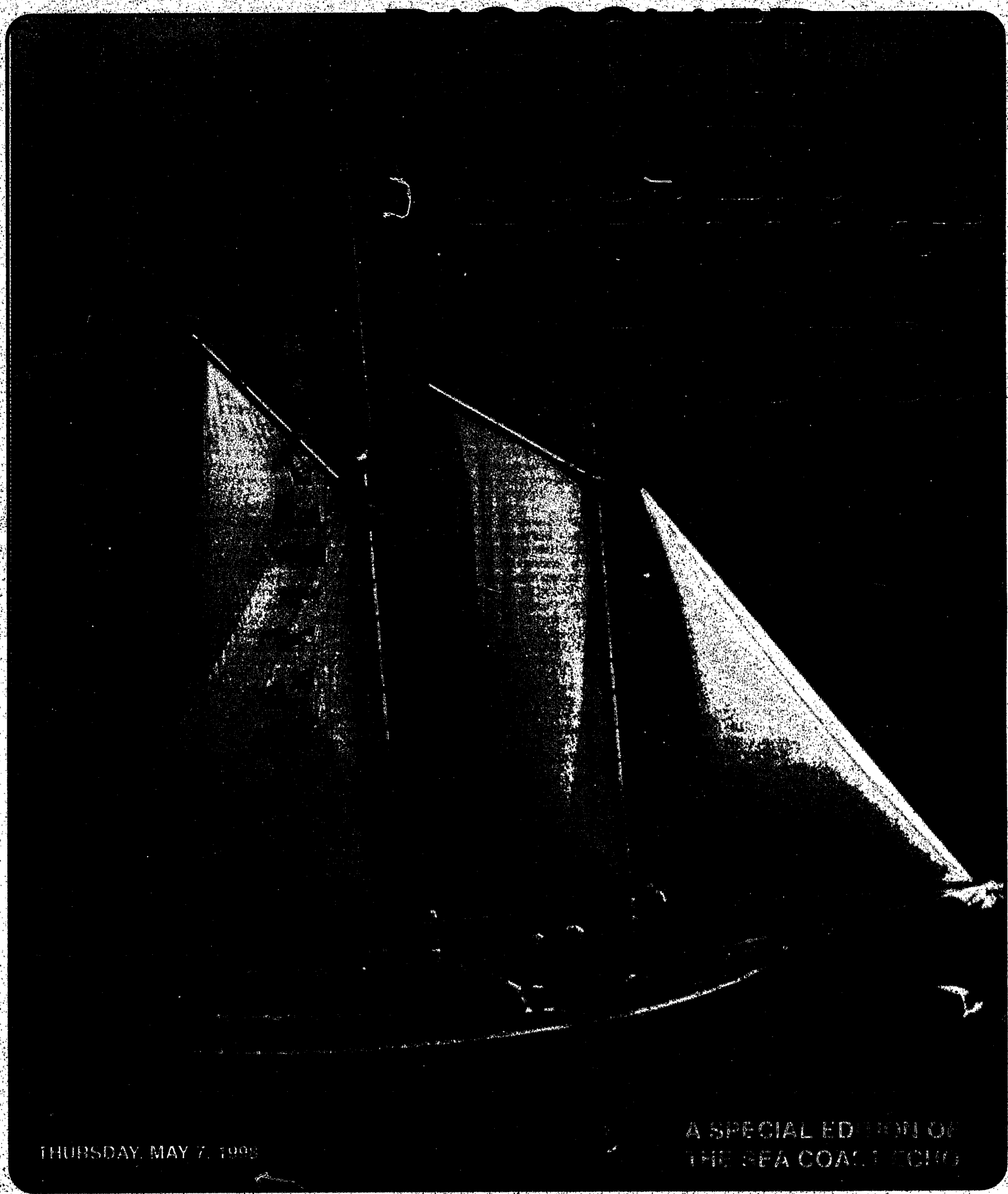
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# A Trip Through Mississippi's Coastal History

The United States has often been called a melting pot of nations. While there are some areas of the country where that does not hold true, it is an apt description of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Biloxi alone has seen eight different flags fly on its horizon: French, English, Spanish, West Florida Republic, United States, Mississippi Magnolia, Confederate States and Mississippi State. The rest of the coast has an equally rich ethnic history.

From the original Native Americans, who were members of many tribes, to the European, African, Asian and other settlers who forever changed the face of the coast, the blood of many nations runs in the veins of Mississippi's three southernmost counties.

## Biloxi

One of the oldest cities in the United States, Biloxi was established as the first French settlement in the Mississippi Valley in early 1699. Pierre le Moyne d'Iberville and his brother, Jean Baptiste le Moyne Bienville, came ashore that year to claim the coast for King Louis XIV of France. Finding the waters too shallow for their boats, the men left, with d'Iberville moving his vessels to what is now Ocean Springs and Bienville going west to the area he named in honor of King Louis IX, the town still known as Bay St. Louis.

In addition to being the first French settlement in the Valley, Biloxi was the first permanent white settlement in the area, and the first capital of the Louisiana Territory. Biloxi was also the site of the first two French forts in the area, Fort Maurepas (in what is now Ocean Springs) and Fort Louis, which was located in the area between the current sites of the Biloxi Lighthouse and the Old French Cemetery. Biloxi remained the capital of the Louisiana Territory until late 1722, when the capital moved to New Orleans.

Biloxi is a namesake of the Biloxi tribe (of the Sioux family) that inhabited the area when d'Iberville landed in 1699. The Biloxi tribe met d'Iberville when he landed, and later sealed a pact of friendship with the French people through the passing of the Calumet (peace pipe) and a bottle of French brandy.

"Biloxi" means "first people", which makes it an appropriate name for both the Indian village and the French settlement which followed. Biloxi is the only city in the U.S. and perhaps the world, which bears this name. Biloxi contains several historic

landmarks that attest to the military influence in its history. Ship Island's Fort Massachusetts was begun by Union forces in 1859, captured (still unfinished) by the Confederacy in 1861, and recaptured by the Union later the same year. Beauvoir (which means "Beautiful View" in French) was the home of Confederate president Jefferson Davis and his family from 1877 until Davis' death in 1889. Located on West Beach Boulevard next to the Coast Coliseum, it is operated as a Confederate shrine by the Sons of the Confederacy.

Keeler Air Force Base, which isn't technically a landmark, is still a vital part of Biloxi's history. The base was established in the early part of World War II, and continues in operation today as the largest electronics training center in the world.

Even the space program's history includes a Biloxi note: Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise was born there. The Mississippi Sound's waters and resources have played a large part in shaping the city. Mullet, a plentiful food fish, were dubbed "Biloxi Bacon" during the Civil War when they saved the city's people from starvation during a Union blockade. Shrimp and oysters play a large commercial role in the area's economy, since Biloxi is one of the world's largest canners of them.

In addition, Biloxi shares part of the world's longest manmade beach, 28 miles long.

## Ocean Springs

Ocean Springs was the original site of Biloxi; then was renamed around 1720 when Biloxi was moved across the bay of the same name to its present location. The original settlement then became known as Old Biloxi.

Long before d'Iberville landed, though, the Indians of the area had another name for Ocean Springs. Translated into English, the Indian name was "Holy Ground", because of the mineral springs which the Indians believed had healing powers.

Ocean Springs was a small Indian trading post until it became a part of the United States in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The first permanent settlers began moving in, and the settlement was renamed Lynchburg in 1853 in honor of a merchant operating a trading post on Fort Bayou.

The merchant, George Lynch, was working with Rev. P.P. Bowen, a Baptist minister, at a sawmill at the Fort Bayou bridge. Bowen noticed a small stream running from the ground, and found out that it was a spring, after doing a little digging. When the water was analyzed later, it was found to contain high amounts of iron and other minerals. Bowen built marble baths over the springs with separate facilities for women and men, and an influx of people began.

It is said that Dr. George Austin, planning to take advantage of the springs by establishing a sanitarium, coined the name Ocean Springs. The name stuck, and was adopted in 1854. The town quickly became a health resort, and a regular stop of the Morgan steamboat line between New Orleans and Mobile.

Local histories vary as to who named the town, however. Some attribute the name to a Mrs. Henrietta Porter, who evidently saw the tourist potential some 20 years before the rediscovery of the springs, and opened a beachfront hotel named the Ocean Springs Hotel. According to this version of the city's history, the hotel's name was deemed suitable for the town when it incorporated in 1892.

Ocean Springs had a provisional mayor, R.A. VanCleave, before electing its first mayor, D.D. Cowan. VanCleave, a transplant from Hinds County, first worked in unloading farming and charcoal-burning products from north of the area at his wharf on Fort Bayou. He later built a general store there, and the area eventually became known as VanCleave. The name persists to this day.

D.D. Cowan, elected as VanCleave's successor as mayor, had



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At one time, Ocean Springs was known for both its pecan and citrus industries. Now, the city boasts a number of historical claims, including being the site of Fort Maurepas and the residence of artist Walter Inglis Anderson. The city also has a number of old churches and homes, many unusual shops, three campgrounds, including Gulf Islands National Seashore, and four golf courses.

### Moss Point

Once called Mossey Point by loggers on the Pascagoula River and East Pascagoula by others, the town was designated Moss Point in 1867 when a post office was built there. In the late 1800s, Moss Point was the largest pine lumber export center in the nation. Even after that distinction was taken over by Gulfport in the early 1900s, Moss Point continued to ship lumber to Gulfport by barge until the mid-1940s.

The town officially incorporated in 1901. Appropriately enough for a logging town, the first mayor was named Charles H. Wood. Moss Point was the first and only city in the state to be incorporated as a city before being chartered as a town, because the city's population at incorporation was just over 3,000.

In 1911, Moss Point began shipping some of its lumber to Sweden, where it was made into pulp and shipped back to Moss Point. Back at its point of origin, the pulp was made into paper. The first papermill using southern pine pulp was built in 1912 just outside Moss Point's city limits. First called Kreole Kraft because of the paper's color, the mill later became known as Kreole. Today, it is International Paper Company.

During World War I, the area's lumber industry brought in new growth as the government began building cargo ships for war use. These "Liberty Vessels" used heart pine from local mills and oak trees in their construction. However, Armistice ended the newfound prosperity. The two new shipyards and most of the new workers' houses were dismantled, and the town settled back into the slower pace of life it still enjoys today.

### Pascagoula

Like Biloxi, Pascagoula was named for its first inhabitants, the Pascagoula Indians. For a while, though it was named Scranton, after a railroad surveyor who didn't know what to call the area and so gave it his own name. However, in 1917, Pascagoula became the official designation.

The Scranton name does live on, though, in the Scranton Floating Museum at the Pascagoula River Park. The 70-foot shrimp boat offers visitors a view of life at sea, which has been a vital part of the whole coast's livelihood for many years.

The town of Pascagoula was founded in the early 1700s as a German settlement of a French land grant. A Mme. Chaumont sent her nephew, Colonel De La Pointe to settle her grant along the Pascagoula River. He took some 300 German

colonists with him.

Once there, De La Pointe built Old Spanish Fort, made of local materials ... oyster shells, mud and moss ... to withstand Indian attack. The Fort later became Kreb's Fort, after De La Pointe's daughter married an Alsatian nobleman, Baron Frans von Krebs. The Fort is still open to the public as an historical landmark.

The town remained small until the 1870s, when Fernandez Gautier arrived and built a plantation and sawmill. The modern town of Gautier is named after the New Orleanian, and had its start as a suburb of Pascagoula.

Shipbuilding, long an economic source for Pascagoula, is now a major industry for the city: Ingalls Shipbuilding is one of the nation's prime constructors of naval ships.

### Gulfport

Incorporated in 1898, Gulfport has a feel and flavor different from that of its neighboring cities. Founded as a railroad and port town, Gulfport's history is that of a business city rather than a resort, or even industrial area.

Captain Joseph T. Jones was the driving force behind Gulfport's establishment. He wanted to build a port city to take advantage of the virgin pine forests to the north. He succeeded.

Considered an "upstart" by its long-established neighbors, Gulfport grew to fill in an overlooked, sandy, marshy area between Biloxi and Pass Christian. The fact that its founder was a Yankee didn't help matters at first.

However, Jones wasn't the first to think of running a railroad from Jackson south to the harbor opposite Ship Island. William H. Hardy of Meridian voiced the idea some 20 years earlier, and another group had considered the concept in the 1830s, with Mississippi City being the railroad's southern terminus. The Civil War put an end to the original thinkers' plans.

Hardy, who had earlier completed a rail line from Meridian to New Orleans, including a bridge over Lake Pontchartrain (which some had considered impossible at the time), started work on the railroad and even came up with the name of Gulfport for the city, but abandoned the project when government and other problems interfered.

Hardy did live to see Gulfport becoming a reality, though; he died in 1917, some years after Jones started his work in building the city. Gulfport owes a good bit of its road design to Hardy, who laid out the streets and avenues 80 to 120 feet in width, with large, grass-filled medians. Many of the streets today still reflect that thoughtful planning.

Before Gulfport burst into life, Mississippi City and Handsboro, to the east of the new town, had been the area's main port and business center. However, Gulfport quickly became the coast's primary port, and eventually annexed the two older towns.

Jones, ever ambitious, almost literally built the city of Gulfport. He called for Gulfport to replace Mississippi City as the county seat in 1902, and continually created companies to supply the city's needs. He founded a hotel and bank, donated land for a courthouse, bought up street privileges held

by another company and donated them to the city, took personal supervision of the G&SI railroad, and helped organize the Gulfport Yacht Club.

Jones even ramrodded the creation of the harbor at Gulfport and the dredging of the ship channel, and built a trolley line that ran from Biloxi to Pass Christian. Today, Coast Transit Authority's Beachcomber trolley is a symbol of and tribute to Jones' original Beachfront Run.

During his time in Gulfport, Jones poured more than \$16 million of his own money into the city's construction and operation.

Although incorporated in 1898, Gulfport had residents before that time. Grasslawn, the city's official Hospitality House, was one of the earliest homes built. Owned by Dr. Hiram Alexander Graham Roberts and used as his summer residence, Grasslawn is one of the oldest homes still standing, although Roberts' sister-in-law and her husband, Gen. and Mrs. Samuel Cavit, are said to have built the town's first home near Grasslawn.

Grasslawn has had many influential owners, including Finley B. Hewes, Gulfport's first mayor, and John K. Milner, who later became the owner of the Coca Cola Bottling Company. His son, Joseph W. Milner, was also a Gulfport mayor, serving for 25 years, the longest time in office of any mayor in the city's history.

Gulfport, now home of the Naval Construction Battalion Complex, also served as the site of its predecessor, the U.S. Naval Training Camp. The camp location had started out, not as a government facility, but as the site for the Mississippi Centennial Exposition.

The State Legislature had named the young Gulfport as the Exposition's host town in 1912, and construction had begun on several buildings for that event. However, in 1917, when hostilities broke out between the U.S. and Germany, the Exposition Committee donated the buildings as an emergency training camp. After the war, the buildings were converted into a veterans' hospital.

As the city continued to grow, it saw a waxing and waning of its timber shipping industry, the growth of the seafood industry, the construction of the seawall in the 1920s, the four-laning of Hwy. 90, the move of Hancock Bank's main branch from Bay St. Louis to Gulfport in the 1930s, and the establishment of the sand beach in the 1950s.

Today, Gulfport is known for its retail trade, industrial/manufacturing businesses and government installations, as well as its seafood and shipping industries, tourist trade and, most recently, its numerous casinos.

### Long Beach

Once known as Bear Point, Long Beach has undergone a number of name changes since it was originally mapped out and named by an Englishman in 1774. Joseph Nicholas de L'Adner was the town's earliest resident, having moved ashore after a hurricane destroyed his home on Cat Island. When he and his family moved to the mainland, they built a home at Bear Bayou near Gulf Park College.

The L'Adner home, having a chimney at each end, gave the city its sec-

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ond name, "The Chimneys", because the L'Adners' chimneys remained standing after the home burned in the early 1800s, and served as navigational markers for sailors on schooners.

Pitcher's Point, near the Long Beach-Pass Christian border, highlights the city's history as a haven for pirates in former times. Apparently, in the early 1800s a certain Captain Pitcher laid a curse on Pitcher's Point that no one would ever find peace there again. He is said to have uttered the curse while being executed by fire by his own crew for his many atroc-

ties.

Today, Pitcher Point Avenue and a state historical marker are the only reminders of the area's past, but none of the ventures started in that area have remained. A school, motel and home were all destroyed by either fire or hurricane, and a subdivision named Pitcher's Point was all but obliterated during Hurricane Camille.

Even with the curse on Pitcher's Point, settlers were coming into the area, including John Johnson McCaughan, a Yazoo City native, who bought up much of what is now Long Beach, chose the future site of Gulf Park College and built a beautiful home he named "Rosalia". Since McCaughan owned most of the town at the time, and since he did an excellent job of promoting the area and even served as postmaster, the city's next name became Rosalia.

McCaughan is one of the reasons the Friendship Oak at Gulf Park is still alive and well. He liked the tree so much that he fertilized it ... with dead sharks!

The city escaped mostly unscathed from the Civil War and lived in relative quiet until 1870, when the completion of the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad changed the city's name once again, this time to Scott's Station, for George Scott, who donated the land for a depot. The railroad shifted business activity to the area north of the shore, and birthed the city's truck farming industry.

In 1882, the city acquired its current name, Long Beach, from James and Woods Thomas, brothers who platted the town and named it for the long, sloping beachfront.

James Thomas contacted an old friend in Tennessee, William J. Quarles, and told him about Long Beach. Quarles visited, liked what he saw, and moved his family, cattle and all, to the town.

He later opened the town's first store, then became Long Beach's first official postmaster. He also started the first school, in his home. Today, Quarles Elementary School honors his contribution to local education.

Quarles is also attributed with the construction of Jeff Davis Avenue, the town's main street and a favorite teenage weekend hangout for many years.

By 1893, tourism was beginning to make an impact on Long Beach, with two waterfront hotels operating. In 1905, the town was incorporated; J.M. Whitten was the first mayor.

The city's truck farming industry, started by Quarles and Thomas, had started to flourish because of the popularity of radishes in saloons. Apparently, the little red vegetables went well with beer. By 1921, though, the industry had reached its peak, and in following years began to decline.

Other industries also grew, prospered and waned with the changing times, but the "Friendly City" of Long Beach has maintained its hospitable atmosphere throughout the years.

## Pass Christian

Two towns along the Coast have nicknames that have almost supplanted their original names with local residents. Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis are referred to in conversation by most folks as "The Pass" and "The

Bay". Pass Christian, though, once was known by another nickname, "The Aristocrat of the Coast".

The home of the South's first and the nation's second yacht club, this resort town was first chartered by Europeans when d'Iberville and Bienville explored the area. The story behind the town's name is that a Christian L'Adner named the north pass of a channel in the Sound after himself, while his brother, Marianne, named the south pass. However, the brothers are not mentioned in d'Iberville's logs. Julius J. Hayden Jr., who wrote a history of the town, feels the name came from Nicholas Christian of New Orleans, a ship's carpenter with a sawmill on Bayou St. John. He apparently kept cattle on Cat Island and later moved there himself, and the pass took on his last name.

The naming of DeLisle, north of Pass Christian, can be accounted for, though. The Comte de L'Isle, one of Bienville's lieutenant's, named a number of the area's landmarks, including Bayou DeLisle. The residential area assumed the name.

The first known resident of Pass Christian as John B. Saucier, who settled there around 1712. Although a few other families moved in later, not much activity was recorded in the town until the 1830s. Then, New Orleansians and upland residents started noticing the town and realized its resort potential. The Pass was incorporated in 1838, and Finley Hiem was the first mayor.

John Henderson, Charles Shipman and David M. Hughes developed most of the town's land for summer homes and hotels, which brought in some 1,500 to 2,000 visitors in 1849 and 1850 alone. Henderson Point on the west end of the town is named after John Henderson.

Lucienne Labranche built the city's oldest standing house, Ballymore. Other structures followed, and by 1851, the town had two hotels and some 60 other summer residences.

The Southern Yacht Club, now located in New Orleans, was organized in 1849 at Montgomery's Hotel when a group of New Orleansians came through with their cabin sloop on the way to Mobile. Their host at the hotel promised them a race if they stopped again on the return trip, so they did. The yacht club emerged from the race. Today, the Pass Christian Yacht Club is still a very active member of the local sailing scene.

Between the time of its founding and the Civil War, Pass Christian was the Coast's major trading center. When the war started, though, the town found itself literally under fire from gunboats in the Sound. In April 1862, 1,200 Union troops invaded The Pass.

After the war, the town's economic emphasis shifted from trading to tourism, with the advent of the railroad in 1870. Now, in addition to New Orleansians and other Gulf area visitors, the town started to see an influx of visitors from the north, and more hotels were built.

By the turn of the century, Pass Christian had become known not only for its tourist attractions, but for the oystering industry and the beautiful homes on Scenic Drive, many of which are still standing despite numerous hurricanes.

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President Woodrow Wilson was one of many famous people attracted to the town, and he enjoyed a long stay at the "Daisy White House", one of the town's oldest homes; in 1913, Author Dorothy Dix also ate in The Pass, but she stayed and bought a home.

Although none of the town's hotels, the last of which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille, were ever rebuilt, Pass Christian remains a favorite weekend and summer spot for visitors, as well as home for its population of 6,000. Its annual Mardi Gras parade and Seafood Festival are two of the area's biggest tourist draws, and the Yacht Club hosts two regattas each year, the Kismet and the Froelich. The Garden Club's annual Spring Pilgrimage and Arts and Crafts Festival in March gives visitors a chance to step back in to the town's splendid antebellum past, and the Pass Christian Isles Golf Club hosts an Italian Open tournament each spring that attracts serious and not-so-serious golfers from all over the U.S.

Bay St. Louis

Jean Baptiste Bienville originally named Bay St. Louis in August of 1699 after King Louis IX of France. The first European settlers, moving into the area later that year, enjoyed friendly relations with the Choctaws already living there. In 1721, a Madame de Mazarin sent some 30 people to the area of what is now Felicite Street to settle a 17,000 acre land grant she received from King Louis XIV.

After the French and Indian War, the Bay St. Louis settlement was given to England in 1763. Following the American Revolution, Spain was given the area in 1763.

Thomas Shields, who received a Spanish land grant on the shore of the bay almost a century after Bienville's landing, began cultivating in 1800, and his grant became known as Shieldsborough. The town was originally incorporated under that name in 1858. However, the town was again incorporated in 1875, this time as Bay St. Louis.

By that time, the town had been in the United States for 64 years, Hancock County for 63, and the state of Mississippi for 58 years. Bay St. Louis, at the time of incorporation under its present name, already had a good reputation as a resort town. The Civil War had but little effect on the town's existence.

Since Louisiana had outlawed dueling around 1870, Bay St. Louis became a popular site for New Orleansians with quarrels to shoot it out. The town as the location of Mississippi's last documented duel, which occurred in April of 1874.

Bay St. Louis has, almost from its start, been a popular weekend and summer haunt for New Orleansians, dueling and non-dueling. By the turn of the century, the town boasted several hotels and summer "cottages", as well as a health resort, an opera house and a vineyard. Even today, many visitors are from the neighboring state, as well as many transplanted residents.

Bay St. Louis was the site of the first Hancock bank, founded in 1899 as Hancock County Bank, and the location of one of the coast's oldest newspapers, The Sea Coast Echo, established in 1891. Since its beginning, the Echo has missed publishing only two issues. The Bay also can claim the coast's first seawall.

Today, Bay St. Louis remains a favorite tourist spot, and has gained a reputation as an art and antique colony. The city's annual Art-Tour attracts thousands of visitors each fall, and new galleries and antique stores have recently sprouted like flowers.

Waveland

Waveland was a part of Shieldsborough until March 1888, when it was chartered and elected L.H. Fairchild as its first mayor. An established summer retreat, Waveland is populated by descendants of the original French and Spanish settlers, as well as residents who have moved from New Orleans and other metropolitan areas.

The town's first major business was Ulman's Woolen Mill in the 1880s. Sheep raising was a big business on the coast at the time, and the shepherds would come down from the area north of the Sound once a year to trade wool and hides in Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian. When the sheep raising industry fell after a few years, Ulman's Woolen Mill also died.

One of Waveland's claims to fame was the "Pirate House", built in 1802 by a New Orleansian of dubious repute. Some believed him to be pirate Jean Lafitte. The house was destroyed in Camille, but its story lives on in local history.

Today, Waveland is the site of Buccaneer State Park, probably named for Lafitte. The park is an ideal campsite and picnic ground, facing the beach in Waveland. The park's Wave Pool attracts visitors of all ages.

A short distance west of Waveland is NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center, where shuttle engines are tested and many important government subcontractors are located. Stennis' Visitors Center provides a look at the nation's space program... past, present and future.

North of Waveland, near Kirt (named for the ovens where the original French settlers burned charcoal to sell), is the Stennis International Airport. The airport includes a landing site for private and charter planes, and

has seen a major increase in activity with the advent of casinos on the coast.

Diamondhead

Diamondhead was founded in 1970 as a resort community whose name and street names were based on Hawaii's Diamond Head. The area didn't really take off for several years, though, and once it did, it was seen primarily as a retirement community.

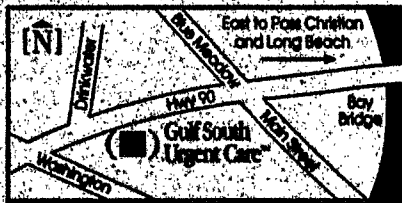
All that has changed over the last few years, however. Now, Diamondhead is known as one of the fastest growing communities on the coast. Its population, at last count, exceeds Pass Christian's, and the area has its own shopping center, hotel, restaurants, fire department, security staff, yacht club, country club (with two golf courses), recreation centers with pools (one with a ball field), private academy and small craft airport. There has been talk within the community of incorporation, but members of the Property Owners Association have stated that the possibility is still some distance in the future.



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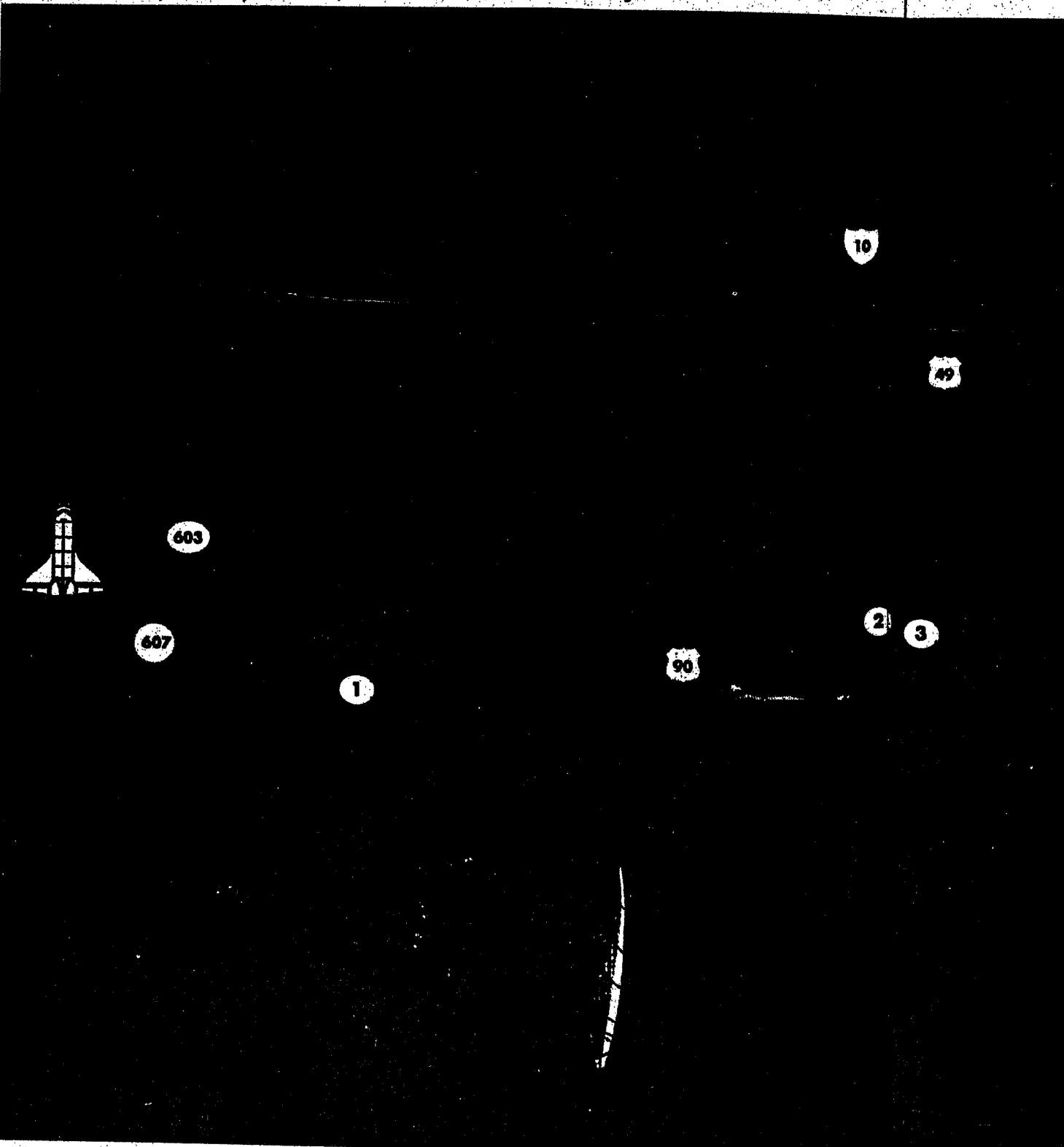
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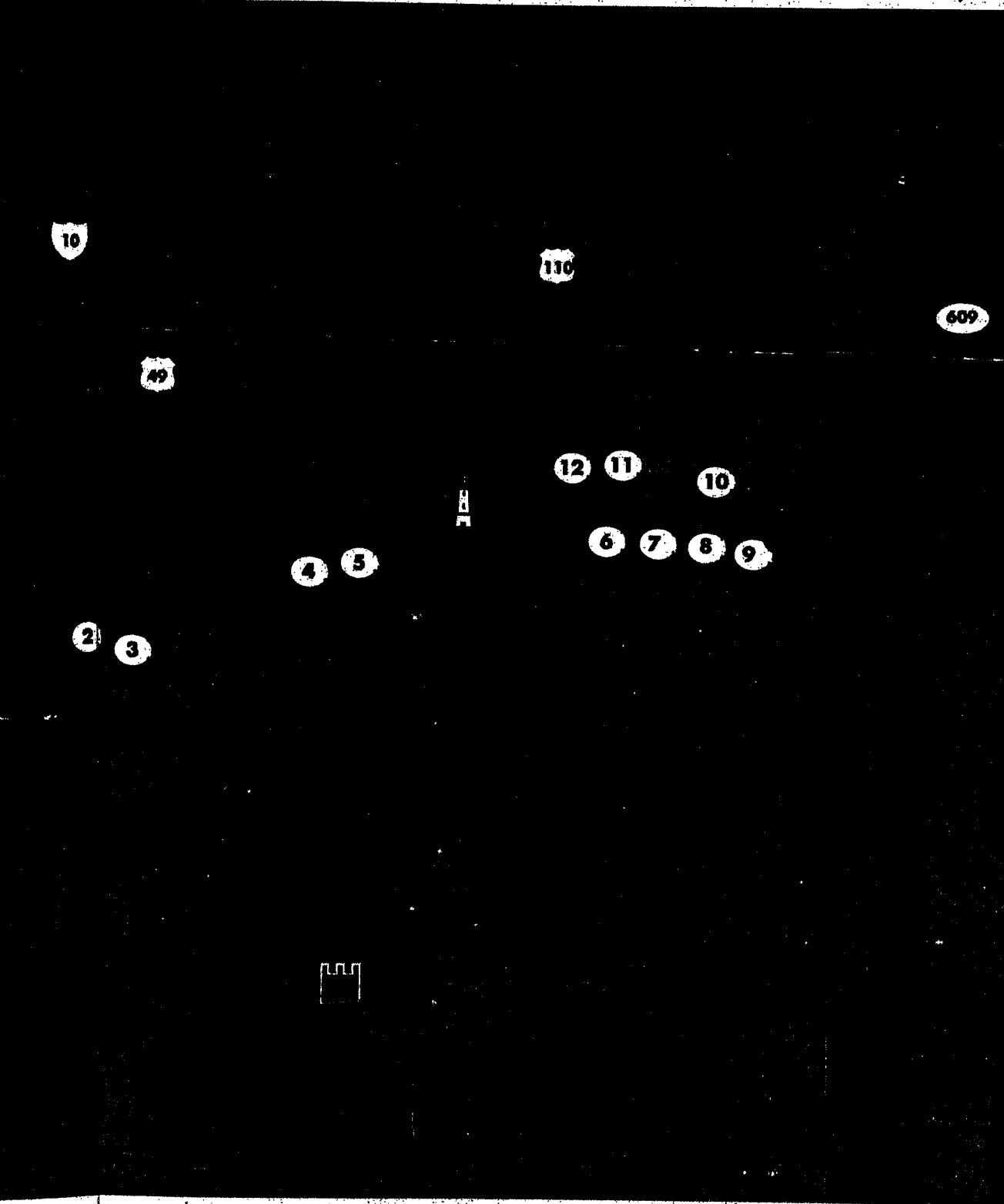
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Generally, for a nominal fee you can have your catch cleaned and dressed.

You must have a saltwater license on a deep-sea fishing trip; however, many charter boats have licenses that will cover you while aboard the vessels.

Departures for a full eight-hour fishing day usually

are 6 to 7 a.m. Trips generally include four to six people. Overnight half-day trips also are available.

Prices range from \$285 for a half-day trip to \$400 for a full day. These prices are average, however, and may vary.

To make sure the boat you choose is available when you want it, you should reserve it in advance, especially for trips on weekends or holidays. For a weekday trip, a reservation made the evening before may be adequate.

If you plan to take a large group on your trip, two or more boats may operate together. Ice, bait and tackle will be provided, but food is usually left to the charter party to bring. The party is normally expected to provide food for its

members, the captain and mate(s), but for an additional fee most captains will

make special arrangements with you to supply the food and beverages.

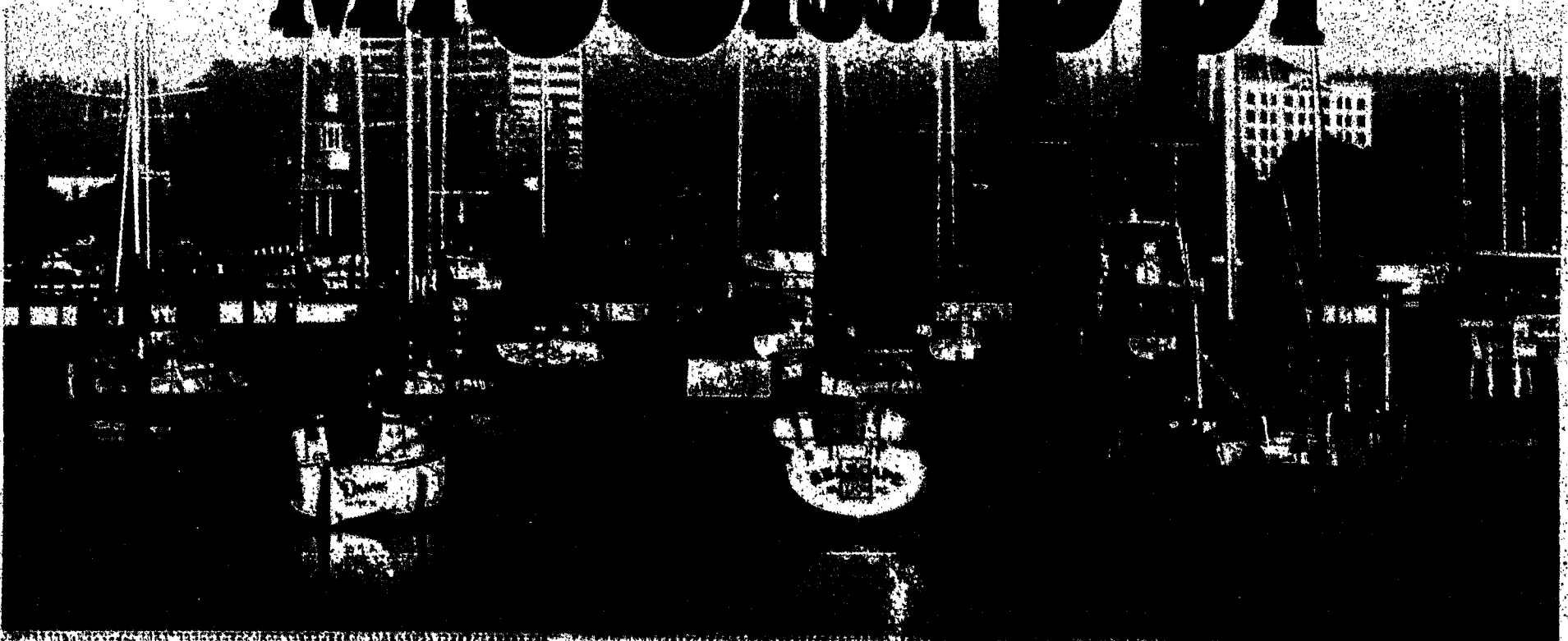
As far as alcoholic beverages go, most captains have no rules against their use, but do prohibit alcohol abuse, for the safety of all on board.

When considering what to wear for your fishing trip, remember to keep your wardrobe appropriate to the season, and keep in mind that the wind can be quite chilling in the spring, fall and winter, while the sun can easily burn your skin any time of year. Soft-soled deck shoes are recommended no matter when you go, as well as sunscreen, sunglasses and hats.

If you tend to get seasick or motion-sick, local stores sell a variety of over-the-counter remedies. You need to take the medicine of your choice before you leave dock. Don't forget, if you have

children along, they may get an upset stomach on the water even if you don't.

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# The Biloxi Lighthouse

## ties past with present

The Biloxi Lighthouse has a colorful past. Among those colors are black, white, blue and gray.

The lighthouse, now a solid white, has been that color for most of its 146 years. However, shortly after the Civil War, it was coated with black tar to prevent further rust. For a good hundred years, the legend persisted that the people of Biloxi had painted the lighthouse black to mourn Abraham Lincoln's death. Although most Biloxians of that era had no great love for the late Union president, they did have a fondness for the Northern tourist dollars drawn in by promotion of the legend.

The blue and gray of the lighthouse's past came from the Civil War era, as well. During the war, the Biloxi Home Guard removed and hid the lighthouse's lens so the lighthouse could not guide Union ships in to shore. The Home Guard had good cause to be concerned, for two reasons: there were Union forces on Ship Island in 1861, when the lens was hidden; and Yankee troops "invaded" Biloxi that same year, landing at the lighthouse wharf.

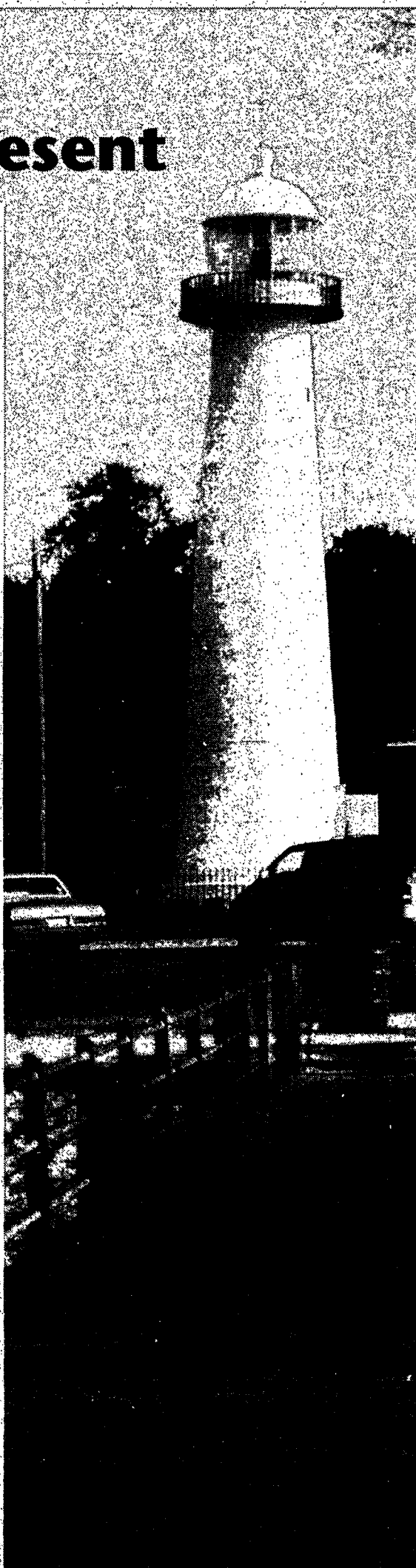
The lighthouse, constructed of cast iron and lined with locally made brick, also underwent a brief period in which it could justifiably have been called the "Leaning Tower of Biloxi." Built on a sand bluff, the lighthouse leaned two feet during the Civil War when a retaining wall failed. In 1867, workers righted the tower, not by elevating the lower side but by digging sand out from under the opposite side. This occurred around the same time the tower was coated black.

The lighthouse is one of 700 that remain in the nation. The construction of lighthouses was authorized in 1789 by George Washington as part of the Lighthouse Act. The Act established a federal program for public piers, beacons, buoys and lighthouses. The Biloxi Lighthouse is one of two remaining on the Coast; the other is the Round Island Lighthouse in Pascagoula.

Of the lighthouse's six keepers over the years, three were women. Mary Reynolds, Maria Youngmans, and her daughter Miranda tended the tower for a total of more than 70 years. The Youngmans women kept the lighthouse for some 62 years, with Maria tending it 53 years following the death of her husband, Perry, who was lighthouse keeper for about a year.

The lighthouse was electrified in 1926, declared surplus by the Coast Guard in 1968 and later purchased by the City of Biloxi. The City now maintains the lighthouse as a historic site, open to tourists on occasion. One of its major points of interest these days is the fact that the lighthouse, once on the city's shore, is now in the median of U.S. Hwy. 90.

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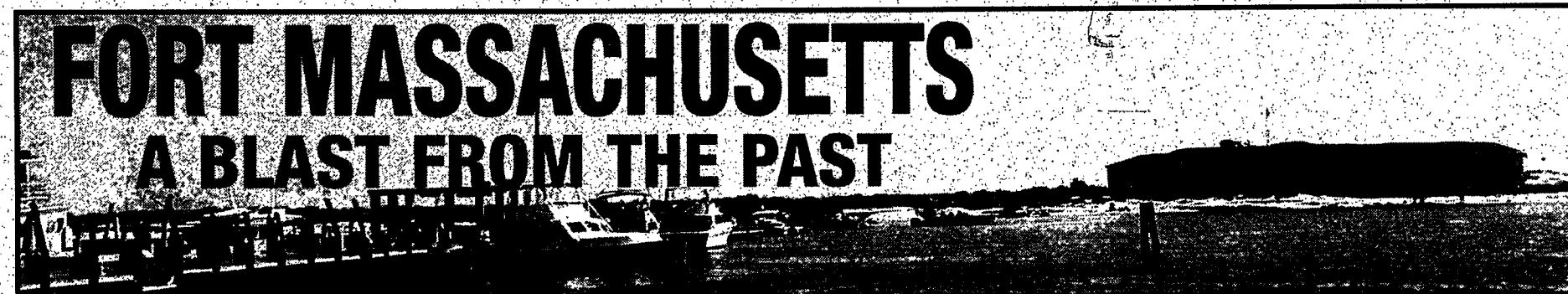
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Fort Massachusetts, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, offers a local taste of the 19th century for the history buff, and a day at the beach for the sun worshipper. The fort was built some time after the War of 1812, when the U.S. War Department recognized Ship Island's strategic importance to the defense of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

The fort was unfinished when the Civil War broke out, and the Confederate Army seized the island. The Union shortly regained control of the fort, however, and the Army Corps of Engineers resumed work on it in 1862.

During the Civil War, some 40 buildings were constructed as part of the fort, including a hospital and bakery. The fort, made of masonry, was built to withstand smoothbore cannon fire, but could not hold up under the impact of rifled cannon, which was developed during the war and was more accurate and destructive than smoothbore cannon.

The fort, most probably named for the Union blockade ship Massachusetts, was constructed between 1859 and 1866. The war was a major hindrance in building the fort, but so was the weather. Storms and high winds destroyed the warehouse, construction materials, the supply vessel and its pier.

In spite of all this, Fort Massachusetts remains an impressive masonry fort. The ceilings of the rooms and passageways are either vaulted or arched to support the cannons mounted atop the fort. The outer walls are up to eight feet wide, and the foundations, made of concrete, goes more than nine feet below sea level.

The portion of the fort which remains, gives the visitor a lesson in naval defense strategy. The fort has only one entrance, the sally port. The observation area overlooks the Ship Island Pass, west of the fort. The pass is one of the few natural deep-water channels on the Gulf Coast, which enhanced the island's strategic importance.

The four ser-

vice magazines on the upper level of the fort were protected by parapets, earthen embankments which gave both added shelter to the gun positions and extra storage space for munitions supplies. The cannons, 15-inch Rodmans, were mounted at the outside wall north of the sally port. These cannons, some of the largest smoothbores manufactured, had a range of about three miles.

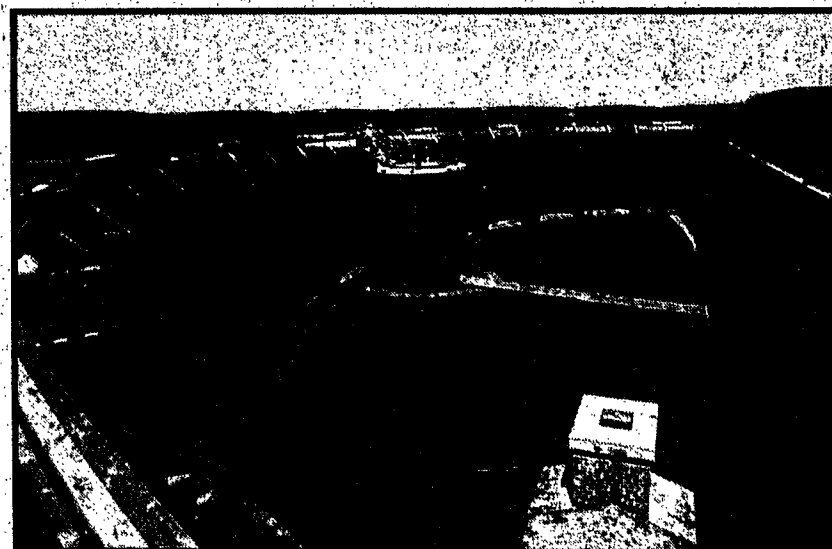
Above the sally port were the rifled cannons, called Parrot rifles. The fort was designed to house a total of 37 cannons, but only 17 were mounted. South of the sally port you'll find the debris of a cannon. Most of the cannons in the fort were sold for scrap iron at the turn of the century



because they had become obsolete.

The fort also includes a stair tower for protection against enemy fire, a coal-fired furnace for heating cannonballs to shoot at ships and set them ablaze, guardrooms, powder magazines, half bastions which extended the fort's field of fire, and casemates (rooms which housed cannons, which were shot through openings in the walls).

In addition to the fort, visitors to Ship Island will find several rest shelters, a First Aid station, restrooms, showers and a ranger station. The island can be reached by passenger ship. Call 864-3797 for more information, or 864-1014 for a recorded message about passenger ship service.



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## Hancock County: Two Parks

Hancock County is the home of two public parks, Buccaneer State Park and McLeod Park, which are open yeararound. Buccaneer, located two miles off Highway 90 on Beach Boulevard in Waveland, features a seasonal wave pool, water slide, wading pool, game room, tennis courts, basketball courts, play areas, nature trail, outdoor amphitheater, seasonal camps and great Gulf fishing.

Colorful legends of smuggling and piracy along the Gulf Coast by Jean Lafitte and his followers led to the park's naming.

The French buccaneer was said to have even inhabited the old Pirate house, once located in Waveland.

The park site, also known as Jackson's Ridge, was used as a base of military operations by Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

Jackson later returned to the area and built a house on land that is now part of Buccaneer park.

In addition to primitive campsites, the park has available 500 hook-ups for water and electricity, of which 149 also have sewer and cement parking slabs.

Activities include two tennis courts, a basketball court, a shuffleboard diagram and a game room containing video games, pinball machines, pool tables and a tennis table. A wading pool, up to four-feet deep and separate from the water park, is located near the activity building within the camping complex.

Throughout the camping area are bathhouses, picnic tables and grills. There is a laundry facility and dumping station.

A camp store and souvenir shop are open during the summer months. A non-denominational worship service is conducted every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. from Easter to Labor Day.

Two picnic pavilions are available for use and several picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. Another area, located under a canopy of trees and across from the beach, is available for day visitors and offers picnic tables, grills and playground equipment.

Buccaneer's water park complex contains a wade pool with cascading water, a wave pool and double-flumed water slide.

The wave pool is surrounded by multi-level decking ideal for sunbathing, an observation deck, showers, rafts and a fast-food service.

McLeod Park, spread among 328 acres of rolling woodlands and divided by the Jourdan River, offers a serene retreat for locals and visitors.

The park's entrance is located north of I-10, off Highway 603, south of the Jourdan River and west along Texas Flat Road.

The park was named in honor of Albert J. and Virginia 'Aunt Gin' McLeod. Albert McLeod was a pioneer timberman from South Carolina who settled on the Jourdan River location in the early 1900s.

Here he established a large sawmill, stove mill, planer mill, turpentine plant and general mercantile store, employing about 500 people.

Following his death in 1931, operation of the old store was continued on a limited basis by Aunt Gin, until her death in 1973 at the age of 95.

Albert McLeod also was a member of the county board of supervisors and a member of the original commission appointed to build the Hancock County seawall.

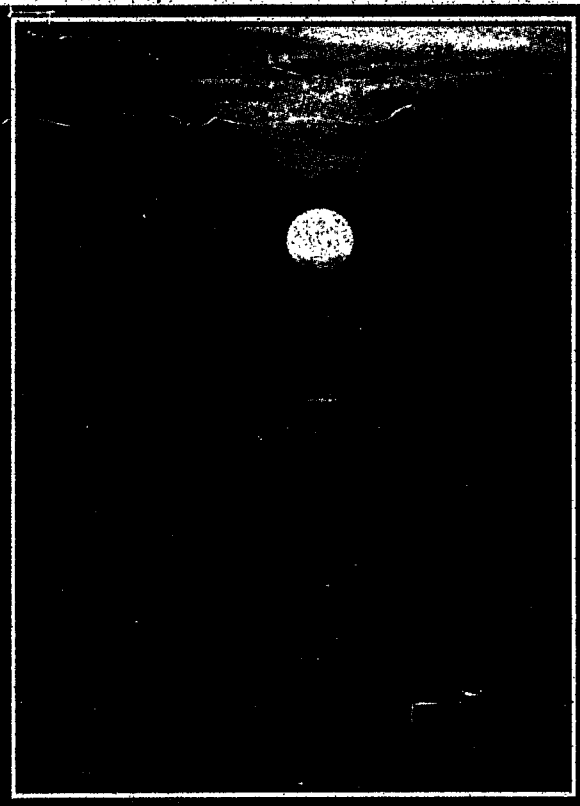
The property itself is within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration buffer zone surrounding John C. Stennis Space Center.

The Pearl River Basin Development District accepted the park's deed with the obligation to condition development of park facilities.

McLeod offers 70 camping sites. Forty-one of those sites have water and electrical hook ups. There are no sewer hook-up facilities.

The park has two pavilion areas with picnic tables and grills, a baseball field and boat launch. Canoes and paddle boats are available for daily rental.

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